

CHAPTER 289

(House Bill 652)

AN ACT concerning

Education - Public School Employees - Criminal Convictions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a county board of education from knowingly hiring or retaining certain employees who have been convicted of certain crimes; and generally relating to the employment of individuals convicted of qualifying crimes in Maryland public schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Education
Section 6-113
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

6-113.

[The State Board shall adopt regulations that prohibit a county board from knowingly hiring, as a noncertificated employee,] **A COUNTY BOARD MAY NOT KNOWINGLY HIRE OR RETAIN** any individual who has been convicted of a crime involving:

- (1) An offense under § 3-307 of the Criminal Law Article;
- (2) Child sexual abuse under § 3-602 of the Criminal Law Article, or an offense under the laws of another state that would constitute child sexual abuse under § 3-602 of the Criminal Law Article if committed in this State; or
- (3) A crime of violence as defined in § 14-101 of the Criminal Law Article, or an offense under the laws of another state that would be a violation of § 14-101 of the Criminal Law Article if committed in this State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.