

*County merit system employees and subject to all rules and regulations of the Personnel Board of Montgomery County except where such rules and regulations are contrary to the specific provisions of the laws of this State.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved May 4, 1967.

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CHAPTER 685

(Senate Bill 470)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 25 (a) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1966 Supplement), title "Public Education", subtitle "Chapter 3. State Board of Education", to provide that a bona fide church organization shall include those schools known as Amish and Mennonite church parochial schools in Charles , GARRETT and St. Mary's Counties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, The Section 25 (a) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1966 Supplement), title "Public Education", subtitle "Chapter 3. State Board of Education", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

25.

(a) After January 1, 1948, every private school or education institution, however designated, which charges tuition or fees for attendance, and which offers a program of college, professional, preparatory, high school, junior high school, elementary, kindergarten, or nursery school work, or any combination thereof, or which offers a program of trade or technical education, or both, or which gives pre-employment or supplementary training, or both, in the fields of trade or industry, and any and every private school or education institution charging tuition or fees for attendance, except those operated by bona fide church organizations, must secure a certificate of approval issued by the State Superintendent of Schools, before it may begin or continue to operate or function in this State. *Bona fide church organizations shall include those schools known as Amish and Mennonite church parochial schools in Charles , GARRETT and St. Mary's Counties.* Provided, that nothing in this section shall be construed as having application to any school or college that is now operating under a charter granted by the legislature of Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved May 4, 1967.