

first obtained the assent of the State Board of Education and approval of said Board of the conditions of entrance, scholarship, and residence upon which said certificate, diploma or degree is issued.

12. Certificate of approval for private schools.

(a) *Required.*—Every private school or educational institution, however designated, 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 educational institution, 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.

(b) *Issuance and revocation.*—The State Superintendent of Schools shall issue a certificate of approval to any applicant operating or proposing to operate such a private school or educational institution whose conditions of entrance, scholarship, educational qualifications, standards, and facilities are adequate and appropriate for the purposes, program, training, and courses to be taught or given therein. Any such certificate may be revoked at any time for cause by the State Board of Education but only in the manner herein described. Before any such certificate may be revoked the State Superintendent of Schools shall first give the school involved a written notice of his intention to require such school to show cause before the State Board of Education why such certificate of approval should not be revoked. Such notice of intention shall clearly specify the grounds for his proposed action and shall give such school thirty days in which to correct the conditions complained of therein. If at the end of said thirty-day period, or such extensions thereof as may be granted by the State Superintendent of Schools, the State Superintendent of Schools shall still be dissatisfied he shall give such school a written order requiring such school to show cause, if any, at a hearing before the State Board of Education to be held at a specific time therein designated, not less than thirty days after the date of such order, why such school's certificate of approval should not be revoked. Upon such hearing or upon the failure of any representative of the school to attend such hearing, the State Board of Education may revoke such certificate of approval by an order of revocation effective fifteen days from the date thereof; provided, however, such school may appeal from the Board's decision to the circuit court of the county wherein the applicant purposes to operate, or to the Superior Court of Baltimore City, if the applicant purposes to operate therein. The State Board may stay its order pending the determination of such appeal. Any applicant who has been denied a certificate shall be entitled to a hearing before the State Board of Education which may affirm or reverse the action of the State Superintendent of Schools. Any applicant adversely