

WHEREAS, Through inadvertence, Chapter 405 of 1969, while repealing the old law, did not include a re-enactment of the interstate agreement on qualifications of educational personnel; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the General Assembly of Maryland to reinstate this law and to continue the State of Maryland on the list of states which have ratified this agreement concerning the qualifications of educational personnel; now, therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Chapter 133 of the Acts of 1968 be and the same is hereby repealed and that new Sections 108A to 108D, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 8. Teachers," to follow immediately after Section 108 thereof, and to be under the new subheading "Interstate Agreement on Qualifications," re-enacting and to read as follows:

108A.

The Interstate Agreement on Qualifications of Educational Personnel is hereby enacted into law and entered into with all jurisdictions legally joining therein, in the form substantially as follows:

108B.

**INTERSTATE AGREEMENT ON QUALIFICATIONS OF
EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL**

(a) Article I

Purpose, Findings, and Policy

1. *The States party to this Agreement, desiring by common action to improve their respective school systems by utilizing the teacher or other professional educational person wherever educated, declare that it is the policy of each of them, on the basis of cooperation with one another, to take advantage of the preparation and experience of such persons wherever gained, thereby serving the best interests of society, of education, and of the teaching profession. It is the purpose of this Agreement to provide for the development and execution of such programs of cooperation as will facilitate the movement of teachers and other professional educational personnel among the States party to it, and to authorize specific interstate educational personnel contracts to achieve that end.*

2. *The party States find that included in the large movement of population among all sections of the nation are many qualified educational personnel who move for family and other personal reasons but who are hindered in using their professional skill and experience in their new locations. Variations from State to State in requirements for qualifying educational personnel discourage such personnel from taking the steps necessary to qualify in other States. As a consequence, a significant number of professionally prepared and experienced educators is lost to our school systems. Facilitating the employment of qualified educational personnel, without reference to their States of origin, can increase the available educational resources. Participation in this Compact can increase the availability of educational manpower.*