

*less frequently than once per month. It shall adopt, subject to the terms of this section, such rules as are necessary for the internal regulation of the Board.*

*(e) The activities of the Board shall be supported insofar as possible by citizen support, voluntary contributions, fees and charges, payments from the State and federal government. The county commissioners or county council are authorized to make annual appropriations in support of the operations of the Citizens Nursing Home Board of the county for the objective of maintaining an adequate level of medical and nursing care for the aged, convalescent, and chronically ill citizens of the county. In further support of the objectives of this section the county commissioners or county council may make appropriations for land acquisition and capital improvements or borrow funds for these purposes and issue individual notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness.*

*(f) The Board shall annually report their activities to the county commissioners or county council during the preceding year, together with recommendations or requests they deem appropriate to achieve the objectives and purposes of this section.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.*

Approved May 17, 1971.

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CHAPTER 439

(Senate Bill 222)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 83 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 6. The Public Schools," to change the requirements for obtaining a high school diploma by examination by certain persons who are beyond the age for regularly obtaining a high school certificate or diploma, and to specify the manner of taking such examinations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 83 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 6. The Public Schools," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

83.

(a) Any person who has not obtained a high school certificate or diploma and who has resided in Maryland or on a federal reservation within the State of Maryland for at least one year and (1) who is 17 years of age or older and ~~if under age 18~~ has been withdrawn from a regular full time public or private school program for at least six months, or (2) who is a member of the armed forces of the United States and is 17 years of age or older, or, (3) who is an inmate of any correctional institution within the State of Maryland