

public elementary or secondary school, in any state which is party to the interstate agreement on qualification of educational personnel, (k) a licensed day care center in Maryland, (c) any agency of the State of Maryland or a political subdivision of the State, (d) an approved vocational or technical school in Maryland, or (e) an agency of the federal government, for the term and within the period specified in his contract.

(b) The board of regents may[, as to any student graduating in or after academic year 1973-74]:

(1) Defer commencement of a tuition waiver contract obligation for the first school year after graduation upon a showing that (a) the student has made a bona fide effort to obtain any employment necessary to fulfill his obligation, (b) he has not been accepted for such employment, and (c) he has been refused such employment by at least four local school boards in Maryland;

(2) Excuse one half of the student's contractual liability upon a showing that, within one year after graduation, (a) the student has made a bona fide effort to obtain an employment necessary to fulfill his obligation, (b) he has not been accepted for such employment, and (c) he has been refused such employment by at least seven eligible prospective employers, of which four shall be local school boards in Maryland;

(3) Excuse the balance of the student's contractual liability upon a showing that, during the second year after graduation, (a) the student has made a bona fide effort to obtain an employment necessary to fulfill his obligation, (b) he has not been accepted for such employment, and (c) he has been refused such employment by at least seven eligible prospective employers, of which four shall be local school boards in Maryland.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that nothing in this Act shall authorize the reimbursement of tuition already collected under the teacher tuition waiver program.

SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

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