

CHAPTER 476

(House Bill 616)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education - Certificate of Approval - Exemption
for Religious Institutions

FOR the purpose of exempting certain religious institutions of postsecondary education from certain certification requirements under certain circumstances; providing for certain financial statements; requiring the State Board of for Higher Education to adopt certain regulations relating to certain financial statements; and generally relating to certification requirements for institutions of postsecondary education in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education
Section 12-203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

12-203.

(a) Except [for an institution operating under a charter granted by the General Assembly] AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, an institution of postsecondary education may not commence or continue to operate, do business, or function without a certificate of approval from the State Board for Higher Education.

(b) The State Board for Higher Education shall issue a certificate of approval to an institution of postsecondary education if it finds that the facilities, conditions of entrance and scholarship, and educational qualifications and standards are adequate and appropriate for:

(1) The purposes of the institution; and

(2) The programs, training, and courses to be offered by the institution.

(C) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION MAY OPERATE WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE STATE BOARD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION: