

Also in subsection (d)(1) of this section, the references to the "Maryland Higher Education Commission" are substituted for the former obsolete references to the "Maryland State Department of Education". Chs. 538 and 539, Acts of 1976, transferred responsibility for higher education from the State Department of Education to the State Board of Higher Education. Ch. 246, Acts of 1988, abolished that Board and vested many of its functions in the Maryland Higher Education Commission. However, the Business Occupations Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the State Board of Law Examiners has indicated that, while the former State Board of Higher Education issued certificates for operation, its governance of programs of institutions did not extend to the adequacy of a particular curriculum. Generally, the scope and adequacy of prelegal training are determined by law schools.

In subsection (d)(2) of this section, the specific reference to a law school "that the Board recognizes" is substituted for the former word "recognized", for clarity. This substitution is consistent with the reference, in the first clause of the third sentence of former Art. 10, § 3(b), to a law school "which may be recognized by the State Board of Law Examiners". That clause, which required only that applicants "have studied law in a law school" is deleted in light of the more stringent requirement for graduation.

Former Art. 10, § 4(a), which related to the prelegal education requirements that existed between 1957 and 1968, and the second sentence of § 4(b), which related to prelegal education requirements that existed from the fall semester of 1968 until the fall semester in 1970, are deleted as obsolete.

The Business Occupations Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure has proposed new rules to govern admission to the Bar. See the 99th Report, 15:6 Md. R. 722-734 (March 11, 1988). Proposed Rule 3(a) would require an applicant to complete a pre-legal education "necessary to meet the minimum requirements for admission to an American Bar Association approved law school." The Reporter's Note recognizes that "[p]roposed Rule 3(a) is inconsistent with Code, Article 10, § 4 ..." and indicates that a proposal had been forwarded to the General Assembly for amendment of the statutes governing admission to be consistent with proposed Rule 3(a).