

**CHAPTER 531**

**(House Bill 132)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Personnel – Preferences on Examinations**

FOR the purpose of modifying the requirements for a certain preference in examinations for employment in certain prison facilities by reducing the number of beds required at a qualifying prison.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Personnel and Pensions  
Section 4-205(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1993 Volume)

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

**Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

4-205.

- (d) (1) (i) In this subsection the following terms have the meanings indicated.
  - (ii) “Host county” means any county in which a qualified prison facility is located.
  - (iii) “Adjacent county” means any county adjacent to a host county.
  - (iv) “Qualified prison facility” means any new State correctional institution of [1,000] 750 beds or more constructed for the Division of Correction of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services on or after January 1, 1985.
- (2) In a competitive examination for an initial appointment to any position in a qualified prison facility, the Secretary shall allow five preference points to each resident of the host county or an adjacent county if, in the most recent 12-month period for which data is available as reported by the Maryland Department of Economic and Employment Development, that county had an average unemployment rate that is more than one and one-half times the State unemployment rate as a whole.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994.

Approved May 26, 1994.