

**CHAPTER 299****(House Bill 1073)**

AN ACT concerning

**Education Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions**

FOR the purpose of altering the ~~circumstances under which~~ educational standards that inmates shall be ~~are~~ required to meet ~~certain educational standards~~ under certain regulations adopted by the Education Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions; ~~expanding the application of the regulations to certain inmates~~ requiring, under the regulations, certain inmates to participate in a certain education program for a certain period of time or a vocational training program; extending the period of time for which certain inmates are required to participate in a certain education program under the regulations; ~~requiring certain inmates to participate in a vocational training program;~~ making a conforming technical change; altering the application of the regulations; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the duties of the Education Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 22-102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

**Article - Education**

22-102.

(a) The Education Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions shall develop and recommend an educational program for each correctional institution in the Division of Correction. The programs shall meet the special needs and circumstances of the inmates in the institution.

(b) (1) The Council shall adopt regulations for all correctional institutions in the Division of Correction for the implementation of a mandatory education program for all inmates who fail to attain a minimum educational standard as set forth in this subsection.

(2) The regulations adopted by the Council shall require that:

(i) 1. ~~In [1988,] 1996, the~~ THE educational standard shall be the [6th grade equivalent in reading on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)] ATTAINMENT OF A GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA (G.E.D.) OR A VERIFIED HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA;