2. APPLICANTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL MAY NOT BE SUBJECT TO THESE PROVISIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved April 30, 1996.

CHAPTER 332

(House Bill 1309)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City - Public Schools <u>Education</u> - Educational Assistants and Paraprofessional Employees

FOR the purpose of requiring certain public school employees in Baltimore City to be licensed; requiring the State Board of Education and the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City to convene a certain joint commission; requiring the joint commission to develop rules and regulations concerning licensing; requiring the State Board of Education, with the advice and assistance of the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City, to develop and administer a program of instruction for individuals who want to be licensed; and generally relating to Baltimore City's public schools.

FOR the purpose of establishing a task force to study and make recommendations on the licensure of educational assistants and paraprofessionals who work with children in the public schools of this State; providing for the membership of the task force; providing for its staffing; requiring a report by a certain date; and providing for the effective date of this Act.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 6-201(h)

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

6-201-

(II) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS AND PARAPROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES WHO WORK IN