

(d) (1) In addition to the other duties specified in this section, each professional assistant to the Department has the duties assigned to him by the State Superintendent.

(2) The Deputy State Superintendent DESIGNATED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OR BY THE STATE BOARD is the acting State Superintendent when the State Superintendent is absent or disabled.

(3) Assistant State superintendents and directors have charge of the various divisions of the Department.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

Approved April 29, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 117**

**(Senate Bill 155)**

AN ACT concerning

**Education - Obtaining a High School Diploma by Examination**

FOR the purpose of broadening the authority of the State Board of Education to exempt certain students from a certain requirement relating to obtaining a high school diploma by examination.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 7-206

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article - Education**

7-206.

(a) An individual may obtain a high school diploma by examination as provided in this section if the individual:

(1) Has not obtained a high school certificate or diploma;

(2) Has resided in this State or on a federal reservation in this State for at least 3 months, except that the State Board may waive this residence requirement if the State Board considers the waiver justified;

(3) Is 16 years old or older; and