

a program of not less than two (2) years' duration which is accepted for full credit toward a bachelor's degree, and which meets the standards, rules and regulations prescribed by the Maryland Higher Education Commission and is thereby empowered to issue a certificate, diploma or degree pursuant to Title 12 of the Education Article of the Maryland Code. This term shall not mean any institution owned and operated by the State.

(2) "Noncollegiate educational institution" means an institution as defined in § 2-206 of the Education Article that:

- (i) Has received a certificate of approval from the State Board of Education; or
- (ii) Is an institution operated by a bona fide church organization.

### **Chapter 696 of the Acts of 1998**

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority may assist noncollegiate educational institutions in obtaining funding for financing capital projects.

**SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That subject to the approval of the Executive Director of the Department of Legislative Services, the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland shall alter references in Article 43C of the Annotated Code relating to "institutions of higher education" to include "noncollegiate educational institutions" where applicable.

#### **DRAFTER'S NOTE:**

**Error:** Purpose paragraph of bill being cured failed to accurately describe the changes made by the bill.

**Occurred:** Chapter 696 (House Bill 541) of the Acts of 1998.

**SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That the Drafter's Notes contained in this Act are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as part of this Act.

**SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved April 13, 1999.

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