

CHAPTER 115

(Senate Bill 41)

AN ACT concerning

Education - Adult External High School Program

FOR the purpose of altering a certain date when a certain report on an evaluation of the Maryland Adult External High School Program is due; extending the termination date for the Program; extending certain funding requirements for the Program through a certain fiscal year; and generally relating to the Maryland Adult External High School Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 7-205.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 542 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997

Section 3

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

Article - Education

7-205.1.

(a) In this section, "Program" means the Maryland Adult External High School Program established for the citizens of Maryland under regulations adopted by the State Board.

(b) According to these regulations:

(1) The State Board recognizes demonstrated competencies in adults, regardless of whether these competencies were acquired in a formal school setting; and

(2) In response to this recognition of competencies, the Department provides alternative requirements and methods of obtaining a Maryland high school diploma.

(c) (1) Because the Program is a valuable service that is provided to the citizens of Maryland, for each of fiscal years 1998 through [2001] 2006 the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill submitted to the General Assembly, including any proposed supplemental budget, a General Fund appropriation for the Maryland Adult External High School Program in an amount not less than the amount of the Governor's General Fund appropriation for the Program in fiscal year 1996.