

(3) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL AWARD DIPLOMAS TO THE INDIVIDUALS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) (1) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR 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 2006.

(2) IN EACH ANNUAL BUDGET, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE FEDERAL FUNDS, TO THE EXTENT AVAILABLE, FOR THE PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE GOVERNOR'S FEDERAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR 2006.

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(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 DIPLOMA;

(2) HAS RESIDED IN THIS STATE OR ON A FEDERAL RESERVATION IN THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST 3 MONTHS, PROVIDED THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY WAIVE THE RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT IF THE STATE BOARD CONSIDERS THE WAIVER JUSTIFIED;

(3) IS 16 YEARS OLD OR OLDER; AND

(4) HAS WITHDRAWN FROM A REGULAR FULL-TIME PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR AT LEAST 3 MONTHS, PROVIDED THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY WAIVE THE WITHDRAWAL REQUIREMENT IF THE STATE BOARD CONSIDERS THE WAIVER JUSTIFIED.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PURSUING A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO TAKE AN EXAMINATION AT LEAST TWICE EACH YEAR AT PLACES THROUGHOUT THE STATE THAT ARE REASONABLY CONVENIENT FOR THE APPLICANTS.

(C) THE EXAMINATION SHALL:

(1) BE OFFERED IN APPROPRIATE HIGH SCHOOL SUBJECT AREAS;

AND