

HOUSE BILL 617

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County Public Schools – Adjunct Instructor Program**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to establish
4 and implement an adjunct instructor program to meet the demand for qualified
5 individuals to provide instruction in certain grades and certain subject areas;
6 requiring the Board, if it exercises certain authority, to make certain determinations,
7 employ certain individuals as adjunct instructors on a part–time basis under certain
8 contracts, and issue certain certificates; establishing the qualifications for
9 certification as an adjunct instructor; authorizing an adjunct instructor to provide
10 instruction in a certain subject area; establishing the authority of an adjunct
11 instructor to supervise and manage a classroom, maintain and handle student
12 records, and evaluate student performance and assign course grades; requiring an
13 adjunct instructor certificate to specify the authorized subject area of instruction, be
14 valid for a certain time period, and be renewable; prohibiting the transfer of an
15 adjunct instructor certificate; defining certain terms; and generally relating to an
16 adjunct instructor program in the Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Education

19 Section 6–122

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Education**

25 **6–122.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
2 INDICATED.

3 (2) “ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

4 (I) DOES NOT HAVE AN EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY
5 THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

6 (II) HAS SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND EXPERIENCE IN A
7 SPECIALTY OR HARD-TO-FILL SUBJECT AREA, AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY
8 BOARD; AND

9 (III) IS EMPLOYED ON A PART-TIME BASIS, UNDER A
10 SHORT-TERM RENEWABLE CONTRACT, TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES IN A
11 PUBLIC SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

12 (3) “COUNTY BOARD” MEANS THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD
13 OF EDUCATION.

14 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

15 (C) THE COUNTY BOARD MAY ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT AN ADJUNCT
16 INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO
17 PROVIDE INSTRUCTION IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 12 IN SPECIALTY AND OTHER
18 HARD-TO-FILL SUBJECT AREAS, AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY BOARD,
19 INCLUDING:

20 (1) SCIENCE-, TECHNOLOGY-, ENGINEERING-, OR MATH-BASED
21 FIELDS;

22 (2) PERFORMING OR VISUAL ARTS PATHWAYS; AND

23 (3) CRITICAL SHORTAGE AREAS.

24 (D) IF THE COUNTY BOARD EXERCISES THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN
25 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL:

26 (1) DETERMINE THE SUBJECT AREAS IN WHICH ADJUNCT
27 INSTRUCTORS ARE NEEDED;

28 (2) EMPLOY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS ADJUNCT
29 INSTRUCTORS:

1 **(I) IN THE SUBJECT AREAS IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEM (1) OF**
2 **THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

3 **(II) ON A PART-TIME BASIS UNDER A RENEWABLE CONTRACT**
4 **FOR A TERM OF UP TO 1 YEAR;**

5 **(3) ISSUE AN ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATE TO AN INDIVIDUAL**
6 **EMPLOYED UNDER ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

7 **(4) ENSURE THAT AN ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR DOES NOT PROVIDE**
8 **INSTRUCTION FOR MORE THAN 50% OF A SCHOOL DAY.**

9 **(E) TO QUALIFY FOR CERTIFICATION AS AN ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR, AN**
10 **INDIVIDUAL SHALL:**

11 **(1) (I) BE EMPLOYED IN OR RETIRED FROM AN INDUSTRY OR A**
12 **PROFESSION RELATED TO THE SPECIALTY OR OTHER AREA IN WHICH THE**
13 **INDIVIDUAL WILL BE CERTIFIED; OR**

14 **(II) HAVE INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE IN A BRANCH OF THE**
15 **UNITED STATES MILITARY;**

16 **(2) HOLD A CURRENT LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE IN GOOD STANDING**
17 **FOR THE RELATED INDUSTRY OR PROFESSION, IF APPLICABLE;**

18 **(3) HAVE AT LEAST 3 YEARS OF VERIFIED EXPERIENCE IN THE**
19 **RELATED INDUSTRY OR PROFESSION OR AS AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE UNITED STATES**
20 **MILITARY; AND**

21 **(4) AGREE TO COMPLETE, WITHIN 3 YEARS AFTER APPLYING FOR THE**
22 **ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM, AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY BOARD, 9**
23 **CREDIT HOURS IN:**

24 **(I) PEDAGOGY;**

25 **(II) CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT; AND**

26 **(III) THE POLICIES, REGULATIONS, AND PRACTICES OF THE**
27 **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

28 **(F) AN ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR MAY PROVIDE INSTRUCTION IN:**

1 **(1) THE SUBJECT AREA SPECIFIED ON THE ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR**
2 **CERTIFICATE; OR**

3 **(2) A CRITICAL SHORTAGE AREA THAT IS NOT THE SUBJECT AREA**
4 **SPECIFIED ON THE ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATE, AS DETERMINED TO BE**
5 **NECESSARY BY THE COUNTY BOARD.**

6 **(G) AN ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR SHALL HAVE THE SAME AUTHORITY AS A**
7 **CERTIFICATED TEACHER FOR THE PURPOSES OF:**

8 **(1) SUPERVISING AND MANAGING A CLASSROOM;**

9 **(2) MAINTAINING AND HANDLING STUDENT RECORDS; AND**

10 **(3) EVALUATING STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND ASSIGNING COURSE**
11 **GRADES.**

12 **(H) AN ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATE:**

13 **(1) SHALL SPECIFY THE AUTHORIZED SUBJECT AREA OF**
14 **INSTRUCTION;**

15 **(2) SHALL BE VALID FOR UP TO 1 YEAR FROM THE DATE OF ISSUANCE;**

16 **(3) MAY BE RENEWED; AND**

17 **(4) MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
19 1, 2016.