

# SENATE BILL 635

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By: **Washington County Senators**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Board of Education – Alternative Teacher Certification**  
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Washington County Board of Education to establish an  
5 alternative teacher certification program; authorizing the Board to declare a critical  
6 teacher shortage and certify certain candidates to fill certain teacher shortage  
7 vacancies in certain areas during a certain time period; specifying who may fill a  
8 certain vacant position during the school year; providing that a candidate hired to  
9 fill a critical shortage teacher vacancy is not eligible for a certain certificate except  
10 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to an alternative teacher  
11 certification program in Washington County.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – Education  
14 Section 6–122  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 **6–122.**

21 **(A) THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ESTABLISH AN**  
22 **ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, ON OR**  
2 **AFTER MAY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF**  
3 **EDUCATION MAY:**

4           **(1) DECLARE A CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE; AND**

5           **(2) CERTIFY A CANDIDATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA OF**  
6 **THE ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE**  
7 **BOARD UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, TO FILL A CRITICAL TEACHER**  
8 **SHORTAGE VACANCY IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

9                   **(I) MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION (GRADES 4 – 9);**

10                   **(II) GENERAL SECONDARY CONTENT AREAS (GRADES 7 – 12);**

11                   **(III) PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (GRADES 7 –**  
12 **12);**

13                   **(IV) SPECIALTY AREAS (PREKINDERGARTEN – GRADE 12);**

14                   **(V) SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL AREAS (GRADES 7 – 12);**

15                   **(VI) WORLD LANGUAGES (PREKINDERGARTEN – GRADE 12);**

16 **AND**

17                   **(VII) SCHOOL COUNSELORS.**

18           **(C) IF A POSITION THAT HAS BEEN FILLED UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE**  
19 **TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM BECOMES VACANT DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR,**  
20 **THE POSITION MAY BE FILLED BY:**

21                   **(1) A TEACHER WHO HAS AN EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE**  
22 **STATE SUPERINTENDENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; OR**

23                   **(2) A TEACHER WHO HAS BEEN CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE**  
24 **ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

25           **(D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A**  
26 **TEACHER HIRED TO FILL A CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE VACANCY IS NOT**  
27 **ELIGIBLE FOR AN EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE STATE**  
28 **SUPERINTENDENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

1           **(2) IF A TEACHER HIRED TO FILL A CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE**  
2 **VACANCY COMPLETES A CERTIFICATION TRACK APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT**  
3 **DURING THE TERM OF EMPLOYMENT, THE TEACHER MAY BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR AN**  
4 **EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT UNDER THIS**  
5 **SUBTITLE.**

6           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
7 1, 2015.