

Chapter 26

(Senate Bill 75)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Nonpublic School Employees – Criminal Convictions

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education, instead of the State Department of Education, to revoke the certificate of approval or letter of tentative approval of a nonpublic school that is in violation of certain provisions of law relating to the employment of certain employees who have been convicted of certain crimes; and generally relating to nonpublic schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 2–206.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

2–206.1.

(a) A nonpublic school that is subject to the requirements of this title may not hire or retain any employee who works with or has access to students and who the school knows has been convicted of a crime involving:

(1) An offense under § 3–307 of the Criminal Law Article;

(2) Child sexual abuse under § 3–602 of the Criminal Law Article, or an offense under the laws of another state that would constitute child sexual abuse under § 3–602 of the Criminal Law Article if committed in this State; or

(3) A crime of violence as defined in § 14–101 of the Criminal Law Article, or an offense under the laws of another state that would be a violation of § 14–101 of the Criminal Law Article if committed in this State.

(b) The [Department] **STATE BOARD** shall revoke the certificate of approval or letter of tentative approval of a nonpublic school that violates this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2010.