

## CHAPTER 379

(House Bill 953)

AN ACT concerning

### **High School Dropouts – Alternative Education Programs and GED Requirements**

FOR the purpose of requiring, to the extent possible, certain representatives of county boards of education to provide information concerning alternative education programs and GED program requirements and testing locations to certain individuals; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the provision of educational information to individuals who no longer attend high school.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–302.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – Education**

##### **7–302.1.**

~~THE~~ TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVE OF A COUNTY BOARD SHALL PROVIDE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO NO LONGER ATTENDS A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY AND HAS NOT OBTAINED A HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA:

(1) INFORMATION CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS; AND

(2) GED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND TESTING LOCATIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively to students who, on or after the effective date of this Act, officially withdraw from a public high school prior to obtaining a high school diploma or certificate.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

**Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.**