the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and signed a certain letter of intent; authorizing requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to select a certain number of public school systems and a certain number of public schools to participate in the Program; requiring certain county boards of education to give preference to certain teachers in employing certain staff development teachers; requiring authorizing the State to reimburse a county board of education for certain costs under certain conditions; requiring eligible schools to employ certain teachers who are certified or who are seeking to be certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards for certain purposes under the Program; requiring certain eligible schools to meet certain conditions to receive State funding under the Program; requiring certain teachers to be included in a certain State and local aid program; requiring the Governor to include certain amounts in the annual budget submission for certain programs for certain fiscal years; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain regulations to implement a certain program; requiring the Department to submit certain reports; requiring the State Board of Education to establish an incentive program to encourage the use and expansion of professional development schools in the State; prohibiting a public school or public school system from employing an individual holding a Resident Teaching Certificate at certain schools under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Education to establish develop guidelines for an incentive program to encourage public school systems to adopt a teacher support system and improve teacher retention; altering the eligibility requirements for the Sharon Christa McAuliffe Memorial Teacher Education Award program to include certain students in certain areas of critical need; repealing certain eligibility under the program; altering the number of years certain students may receive a grant under the program; establishing the Alternative Teaching Opportunity Grant program in the Maryland Higher Education Commission; establishing eligibility eriteria for scholarship awards under the program; authorizing awards to be used for certain purposes; altering the eligibility requirements for certain loan assistance repayments under the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program; requiring the Department to employ a certain staff member to administer a certain program; requiring the Governor to include certain amounts in the annual budget submission for certain programs for certain fiscal years; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain regulations to implement certain programs requiring the Department to study whether the awarding of certain alternative teaching opportunity grants is advisable and feasible; defining certain terms; and generally relating to public school teachers and programs to increase the availability of qualified teachers in public schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education Section 6–117, 6–118, 6–119, 6–120, and 18–708 and 6–118 Annotated Code of Maryland (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education