



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 647**

*January Session, 2003*

**AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE BY STUDENTS AS OFFICIAL CHECKERS AT POLLING PLACES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-235d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of sections 9-233, 9-235 and 9-258  
4 to the contrary, a United States citizen who is sixteen or seventeen  
5 years of age and a bona fide resident of a town may be (1) appointed as  
6 a challenger [, voting machine tender] or unofficial checker in an  
7 election, [and, after serving as an unofficial checker in an election or as  
8 a candidate checker in a primary, may be appointed as a checker in a  
9 subsequent election] or (2) appointed as a checker, translator or voting  
10 machine tender in an election after (A) attending poll worker training,  
11 and (B) receiving the permission of the principal of the school that the  
12 citizen attends if the citizen is a secondary school student.

13 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of section 9-436 or 9-436a to the  
14 contrary, a United States citizen who is sixteen or seventeen years of  
15 age and a bona fide resident of a town or political subdivision holding  
16 a primary may be (1) appointed as a challenger [, voting machine  
17 tender] or candidate checker in the primary, [and, after serving as a  
18 candidate checker in a primary or as an unofficial checker in an  
19 election, may be appointed as a checker in a subsequent primary] or (2)

20 appointed as a checker, translator or voting machine tender in a  
21 primary after (A) attending poll worker training, and (B) receiving the  
22 permission of the principal of the school that the citizen attends if the  
23 citizen is a secondary school student.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*