

to read as follows:

Article 77 - Public Education

85B.

(A) HEARING AND VISION SCREENING TESTS SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION, BY THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, [[AND]] OR BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF BALTIMORE CITY FOR ALL STUDENTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF MARYLAND. [[, ]] HEARING AND VISION TESTS SHALL BE PROVIDED AND FUNDED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS IN THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS OF MARYLAND WHICH HAVE RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR IN ANY NONPUBLIC EDUCATIONAL FACILITY LOCATED IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND APPROVED AS A SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITY BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THESE TESTS SHALL BE ADMINISTERED IN THE YEAR A STUDENT ENTERS A SCHOOL SYSTEM AND UPON HIS ENTERING THE NINTH GRADE, UNLESS EVIDENCE IS PRESENTED THAT A STUDENT HAS BEEN TESTED WITHIN THE PAST YEAR. ADDITIONAL TESTING SHALL BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BYLAWS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. STANDARDS, RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS LAW SHALL BE PROMULGATED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN COOPERATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

(B) NO STUDENT WHOSE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OBJECTS IN WRITING TO HEARING AND VISION TESTING UPON THE GROUND THAT IT CONFLICTS WITH THE TENETS AND PRACTICE OF RECOGNIZED CHURCH OR RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION OF WHICH HE IS AN ADHERENT OR MEMBER SHALL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THESE TESTS.

(C) THE RESULTS OF THE HEARING AND VISION TESTS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORD FILE OF EACH STUDENT AND SHALL BE DISSEMINATED TO THE PARENTS OF THOSE STUDENTS WHO FAIL SUCH TESTS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

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CHAPTER 442

(House Bill 335)

AN ACT concerning