

WHEREAS, Education programs and other services to the School's students should not be reduced or disrupted during the school year as a result of mid-year appropriation reductions; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for ~~educational services~~ to expand the educational options in Maryland for deaf students ~~with~~ who have other moderate to severe disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Education has the responsibility to monitor the programs provided by the School; now, therefore,

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

Article - Education

8-310.1.

(A) THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF SHALL ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A PROGRAM OF ENHANCED SERVICES FOR DEAF STUDENTS WHO HAVE OTHER MODERATE TO SEVERE DISABILITIES.

(B) THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF SHALL INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM IN THE WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REQUIRED UNDER ~~SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION~~ § 8-310.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THE COSTS OF PROVIDING ENHANCED SERVICES TO A CHILD UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL BE PAID TO THE SCHOOL AND BE PROVIDED JOINTLY BY THE STATE AND BY THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE CHILD IS DOMICILED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) (1) THE CHILD SHALL BE JOINTLY PLACED IN THE ENHANCED PROGRAM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, BY THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

~~(D)~~ ~~(1)~~ (2) THE COUNTY IN WHICH A CHILD ~~ENROLLED IN THE~~ PLACED IN THE ENHANCED PROGRAM IS DOMICILED SHALL PAY THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE "BASIC COST", AS DEFINED IN § 8-415(D)(1) OF THIS TITLE, OF THE EDUCATION FOR THAT CHILD.

~~(2)~~ (3) THE STATE SHALL PAY THE REMAINING COST OF PROVIDING SERVICES UNDER THE PROGRAM TO THE CHILD.

8-310.2.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF SHALL ENTER INTO A WRITTEN AGREEMENT.

(B) THE AGREEMENT SHALL PROVIDE FOR MONITORING AND REVIEW BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, INCLUDING:

(1) REVIEW BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF;