

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

~~BY adding to~~~~Article — Education~~~~Section 18-1702(d)~~~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~~~(1989 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)~~**Preamble**

~~WHEREAS, The intent of this bill is to require that, upon completion of their training, physical and occupational therapists shall provide therapy to handicapped individuals in the State, regardless of age, in satisfaction of a service obligation authorized in the program for financial assistance to physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants training for those positions; now, therefore,~~

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

Article — Education

18-1701.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Eligible institution” means an accredited college or university that has a program of undergraduate studies that would lead to licensing as a physical therapist, physical therapy assistant, occupational therapist, or occupational therapy assistant.

(c) {“Handicapped child” has the meaning set forth in § 8-401 of this article.

(d)} “Occupational therapist” and “occupational therapy assistant” have the meanings set forth in § 9-101 of the Health Occupations Article.

{(e)} ~~(D)~~ “Physical therapist” and “physical therapist assistant” have the meanings set forth in § 13-101 of the Health Occupations Article.

{(f)} ~~(E)~~ “Recipient” means a recipient of tuition assistance under this subtitle.

{(g)} ~~(F)~~ “Tuition assistance” means any funds provided for the cost of basic instructional charges, fees, room, board, or other related educational expenses.

{(h)} ~~(G)~~ (1) “Service obligation” means the obligation of recipients to provide physical or occupational therapy {to handicapped children in a public school in Maryland or handicapped children placed in a nonpublic education program as provided under § 8-409 of this article, the first year of which is provided under the full-time on-site supervision of a licensed physical or occupational therapist who has at least 2 years’ experience in a school program} ~~IN THE STATE AND, IF APPLICABLE, IN GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OR COMMUNITIES DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, IN~~