

CHAPTER 269.

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AN ACT to amend Article 77 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Public Education," by adding fifteen Sections, under the new sub-title "School Attendance," to follow Section 123, and to be numbered as Sections 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137 and 138, respectively.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following sections be and they are hereby added to Article 77 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Public Education," under the new sub-title "School Attendance," to follow section 123, and to be numbered and designated as 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137 and 138, respectively.

New sections added.

124. Every child between eight and twelve years of age shall attend some day school regularly as defined in section 131 of this sub-title during the entire period of each year the public day schools in the city or county in which such child resides are in session, unless it can be shown that the child is elsewhere receiving regularly thorough instruction during said period in the studies usually taught in the said public schools to children of the same age; provided, that the superintendent or principal of any school, or person or persons duly authorized by such superintendent or principal, may excuse cases of necessary absence among its enrolled pupils; and provided, further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a child whose mental or physical condition is such as to render its instruction, as above described, inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child between eight and twelve years of age shall cause such child to attend school or receive instruction as required by this section. Children over twelve years of age and under the age of sixteen years, and every person having under his control such a child, shall be subject to the requirements of this section, unless such children are regularly and lawfully employed to labor at home or elsewhere.

Children between eight and twelve years of age shall attend school.

125. Any person who has a child under his control and who fails to comply with any of the provisions of the preceding section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined not exceeding five dollars for each offense.

Penalty for violation.

126. Any person who induces or attempts to induce any child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors while school is in session any child absent unlawfully from school, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined not more than fifty dollars.