

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1929.

Approved April 11, 1929.

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CHAPTER 152.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 236, 36, 55, 227 and 235 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1924 Edition, title "Public Education," to define the terms "physically handicapped child," and to provide for the enumeration of physically handicapped children; to add three new sections to Article 77 of the said Code, to follow immediately after Section 235, and to be known as Sections 235A, 235B and 235C, and to add one new section to Article 43 of the said Code, title "Health," sub-title "State Board of Health," to follow immediately after Section 15, and to be known as Section 15A, to provide for the classification of physically handicapped children, and to provide State aid to the counties and to Baltimore City in meeting the cost of maintaining special schools and special classes for the education of such children.

WHEREAS, Through recurring outbreaks of infantile paralysis and other diseases, and by automobile and other accidents a large number of children of school age are physically handicapped and thereby made unfit to attend the regular schools; or, if able to attend the elementary schools, are unable to continue such attendance beyond those grades, and hence grow to maturity with greatly impaired usefulness; and

WHEREAS, There exists no greater menace to the welfare of this State than an increasing number of its citizens unable to sustain themselves or to bless posterity with a healthy progeny; and

WHEREAS, Because the ultimate wealth of this State lies in the ability of its citizens to work and to produce, it is quite as important to husband and protect the wealth that lies in potential labor which might otherwise be lost as it is to protect the natural resources of the State; and