

WHEREAS, Many of these physically handicapped children need and require special school facilities, clinical aid, therapeutic treatment, and vocational training to fit and equip them to become self sustaining and productive; and

WHEREAS, The cost of furnishing such special school facilities to its handicapped children is in excess of the cost of furnishing a public school education to the children who are able to attend the regular schools; and

WHEREAS, This State recognizes its humanitarian and economic obligation to seek out all such children and to aid in preventing them from becoming or from continuing to be social liabilities; and

WHEREAS, Predicated upon the foregoing recitals it is believed that whatever aid this State renders toward the accomplishment of the foregoing results is sound statesmanship.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 236, 36, 55, 227 and 235 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1924 Edition, title "Public Education," be and the same hereby are repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

236. Wherever the words "Superintendent of Public Education" occur in this Article, they shall be construed to mean "State Superintendent of Schools"; wherever the words "Board of County School Commissioners" occur, they shall be construed to mean "County Board of Education"; and wherever the words "Board of District School Trustees" occur, they shall be construed to mean "District Board of School Trustees"; and wherever the words "physically handicapped child" occur, they shall be construed to mean a child, who, by reason of a physical defect or infirmity, whether congenital or acquired by accident, injury, or disease, is or may be expected to be totally or partially incapacitated for education or for remunerative occupation.

36. The State Superintendent of Schools, subject to the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, shall direct the taking of a biennial school census of all the children in the State between the ages of 6 and 18 inclusive