

children in accordance with standards, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education shall be paid in the same manner as the ordinary expenses for the support of schools in the several counties of the State; provided that in calculating the cost of the minimum program as a basis for determining the amount of the equalization fund which a county is entitled to receive, each such special class shall be considered as a separate unit. And wherever the City of Baltimore or any of the counties of the State shall inaugurate a special program of instruction under standards, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education to meet the needs of any child whose handicap is physical or mental and whose needs are not met by ordinary school facilities, the city or counties so providing the same shall be entitled to receive, toward the cost of teachers, special equipment, nursing, therapeutic treatment, and transportation, an amount not to exceed **Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00)** *Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00)* per child, to be paid by the State of Maryland out of a special fund to be appropriated for such purpose in the State Public School Budget. The State Superintendent of Schools shall ascertain the respective amounts the City of Baltimore and the counties shall be so entitled to receive from the State under this section, and when such amounts are so ascertained the State Superintendent of Schools shall certify the same to the State Comptroller.

(b) Whenever the parent or parents of any seven or more children in a county shall petition the County Board of Education, stating therein that the said children are afflicted with cerebral palsy and asking that a special class be provided for their education, it shall be the duty of the said Board, if there is no such class in the county, to establish and maintain a class or classes in that county for the special education of children afflicted with cerebral palsy. Provided, that the Board of Education in any county may make an agreement with the Board of Education in an adjoining county whereby such children from one county shall attend a special class in the other county, with such administrative and financial arrangements as may be satisfactory to the respective Boards.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1950.*

Approved March 28, 1950.