

been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage."

Approved May 6, 1949.

CHAPTER 713

(House Bill 294)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 229 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Public Education", sub-title "School Attendance", increasing the allowance for handicapped children.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 229 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1939 Edition), title "Public Education", sub-title "School Attendance", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

229. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Education, to set up standards, rules and regulations for the examination, classification and education of such handicapped children in the counties of the State who can be benefited under the provisions of this Act; such standards, rules and regulations to include the prescribing of qualifications of teachers, the curriculum and equipment, and the supervision of the program which may be inaugurated by the County Board of Education for each such handicapped child. The expenses incurred by any of the counties of the State in establishing special classes for mentally handicapped 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 whenever 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 and whose needs are