

under six years of age. The amount shall be in his discretion, except that it shall not be less than Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.) annually. The appropriation as finally determined by the General Assembly shall be expended under the supervision and control of the State Department of Education. For the purposes of this program, a handicapped child shall be one with a physical impairment or mental retardation which, in the judgment of the Department, makes a special educational and training program necessary or desirable to help the child attain a scholastic achievement as near-normal as feasible. The Department of Education shall adopt standards and promulgate rules and regulations based thereon, for the non-medical examination, classification and education of such handicapped children, for the qualifications of teachers, for curriculum and equipment, and generally for the supervision and operation of the program herein provided for.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1957.*

Approved February 13, 1957.

CHAPTER 39

(Senate Bill 12)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 64 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 4. County Board of Education", providing for a census of handicapped children both of school age and of pre-school age, and for the use of the data so collected.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 64 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 4. County Board of Education", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:*

64. School census.

The county board of education and the board of school commissioners of Baltimore City may cause to be taken, under the direction of the county superintendent of schools or the superintendent of public instruction of Baltimore City, a school census of the children under eighteen years of age, *including a census of handicapped children both of school age and of pre-school age.* Whosoever has under his control a child under eighteen years of age and withholds the information in his possession from any officer demanding it, relating to the items aforesaid, or makes any false statement in regard to the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined not more than

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.