

Guard and naval militia. Each of them may receive an appointment as aide, which however, shall not add to the actual grade of the officer so appointed; nor shall such officer be relieved from duty with the organization to which he is assigned, except when actually on duty as aide under the orders of the Governor.

The appointment of a chief of staff and of aides shall be at the pleasure of the Governor.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved April 30, 1963.

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CHAPTER 686

(House Bill 747)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 243 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education" subtitle "Chapter 24. Pre-school Education of Handicapped Children," amending the laws concerning the annual appropriation for special education and training of handicapped children under six years of age in order to remove therefrom a specification as to the minimum amount of such appropriation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 243 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 24. Pre-school Education of Handicapped Children," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

243.

The Governor shall place in the State budget each year an item for the education and training of handicapped children 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 nonmedical 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 is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of the members elected