

## CHAPTER 418

(House Bill 698)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 78 and 79 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 6. District School Trustees"; to repeal Section 77 of said Article, subtitle "Chapter 6. District School Trustees," and to enact a new Section 77 in lieu thereof, said new section to stand in the place of the section so repealed; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 4 of said Article, subtitle "Chapter 1. Control and Supervision; Free Schools"; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 18 of said Article, subtitle "Chapter 2. Formation of Boards"; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 76, 80, 81 and 82 of said Article, subtitle "Chapter 6. District School Trustees," making the existence of district boards of school trustees discretionary with the appropriate county boards of education, and generally limiting and clarifying the duties and powers of district boards of school trustees.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 78 and 79 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 6. District School Trustees," be and they are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 77 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 6. District School Trustees," be and it is hereby repealed and that new Section 77 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section so repealed and to read as follows:

77.

*Each district board of school trustees shall seek in every way to develop public sentiment in support of the public schools. Each such board may visit the school under its jurisdiction at least once each school term and may consult with the principal of said school as to the use and general condition of the school facilities and as to the current program of instruction. Each such board should give such assistance as lies within its power for the advancement of the school.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 4 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 1. Control and Supervision; Free Schools," Section 18 of said Article, subtitle "Chapter 2. Formation of Boards," and Sections 76, 80, 81 and 82 of said Article, subtitle "Chapter 6. District School Trustees," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

4.

Educational matters affecting a school district [shall] *may, in the discretion of the appropriate county board of education,* be under the care of a district board of school trustees, *which district board shall have only such powers and duties as are provided elsewhere in this article.*