

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~~ OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENT 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.

103. *Maryland School for the Deaf; Maryland School for the Blind.*

In accordance with provisions of Section 11 of this Article, the Maryland School for the Deaf and the Maryland School for the Blind shall keep the State Board of Education fully informed regarding the educational program and administrative policies of the schools under their jurisdiction.

It shall be the responsibility of the Maryland State Department of Education, the city and county public school systems, the Maryland School for the Deaf, and the Maryland School for the Blind to work cooperatively to meet the educational needs of deaf, hard-of-hearing, blind, and partially-sighted children.

During the fiscal year ~~1970~~ 1971 and thereafter, teachers and other professional personnel at the Maryland School for the Deaf and the Maryland School for the Blind shall be paid an annual salary not less than that received by public school teachers and professional personnel of similar training and experience in the political subdivisions in which the school is located.

104. *Deaf and blind children—In general.*

Every child between six and eighteen years of age, who by reason of any partial or total deafness or partial or total blindness is unable to progress satisfactorily in ordinary public or private schools, shall attend some school or classes for the deaf or blind, or during the scholastic year, unless it can be shown that the child is elsewhere receiving regularly thorough instruction during the said period in studies usually taught in the said public schools to children of the same age; provided, that the superintendent or principal of any school for the deaf or blind, or person or persons duly authorized by such superintendent or principal, may excuse cases of necessary absence among its enrolled pupils; and provided, further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a child whose physical condition is such as to render its instruction, as above described, inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his or her control such a child between six and eighteen years of age shall cause such a child to attend school or receive instruction as required by this section.

105. *Penalty.*

Any person who has such a child under his or her control, and who fails to comply with any of the provisions of Section 104, shall