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(a) *The county boards of education and the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City shall carry public COMPREHENSIVE liability insurance FOR PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS to protect the board and its agents and employees. The policies shall contain a provision estopping the insurer from raising the defense of sovereign immunity. The purchase of such insurance shall be considered as an educational purpose and as a valid educational expense.*

(b) *The State Board of Education shall adopt regulations setting up standards and guidelines for the policies including a minimum liability coverage, and the policies purchased under this section, after the adoption of these regulations, shall conform to them.*

(C) **ANY OF THE ABOVE BOARDS OF EDUCATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED IN COMPLIANCE HEREIN IF THEY ARE SELF-INSURED UNDER RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER. LIABILITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO ONE-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) FOR EACH OCCURRENCE INJURY, THE POLICY LIMITS FOR THIS INSURANCE SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF NOT EXCEED ONE-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000).**

~~(e)~~ (D) *Nothing in this Act SECTION shall be construed as affecting the right of the various boards of education, on their own behalf, from raising the defense of sovereign immunity when the claim exceeds TO ANY AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF the limit of liability.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.*

Approved May 17, 1971.

CHAPTER 549

(House Bill 611)

AN ACT to add new Section 10A to Article 77A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Higher Education," subtitle "Community Colleges," to follow immediately after Section 10 thereof, to require the boards of trustees of community colleges to require public liability insurance FOR PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS COMPREHENSIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE, to require the State Board for Community Colleges to set standards and guidelines for the policies, and to allow the board BOARDS of trustees to raise the defense of sovereign immunity when the claim exceeds TO ANY AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF the limit of liability.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 10A be and it is hereby added to Article 77A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Higher Education," subtitle "Community Colleges," to follow immediately after Section 10 thereof, and to read as follows:*