

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new Section 28A be and it is hereby added to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle State Superintendent of Schools," to follow immediately after Section 28 thereof, and to read as follows:*

**28A.**

*(a) Education accountability program. The State Board of Education and State Superintendent of Schools, each Board of Education and every school system, and every school, shall implement a program of education accountability for the operation and management of the public schools, which shall include the following:*

*(1) The State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools shall assist each local school board and school system in developing and implementing educational goals and objectives in conformity with statewide educational objectives for subject areas including, but not limited to, reading, writing and mathematics.*

*(2) Each school, with the assistance of its local board of education and school system, shall survey the current status of student achievement in reading, language, mathematics, and other areas in order to assess its needs.*

*(3) Each school shall establish as the basis of its assessment, project goals and objectives which are in keeping with the goals and objectives established by its board of education and the State Board of Education.*

*(4) Each school, with the assistance of its local board of education, the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools, shall develop programs for meeting its needs on the basis of priorities which it shall set.*

*(5) Evaluation programs shall concurrently be developed to determine if the goals and objectives are being met.*

*(6) Re-evaluation of programs, goals and objectives shall be regularly undertaken.*

*(b) The State Department of Education shall assist the local boards of education in establishing this program by providing guidelines for development and implementation of the program by the local boards, and by providing assistance and coordination where needed and requested by those boards.*

*(c) The State Board of Education, upon recommendation of the State Superintendent of Schools, shall include in its annual budget request such funds as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.*

**(C) BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 1973, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST SUCH FUNDS AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.**

*(d) ~~(C)~~ (D) During January, 1975, and each January thereafter, the State Superintendent of Schools shall transmit to the Governor and to the General Assembly a report which includes, but is not limited*