

TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER Section 98B thereof, and to read as follows:
98C.

(A) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ~~[[ORGANIZE]]~~ ~~CAUSE TO BE DEVELOPED AND [[IMPLEMENT]]~~ IMPLEMENTED A PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARDS OF EDUCATION OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES AND OF BALTIMORE CITY WHEREBY EACH STUDENT ENTERING HIS FIRST YEAR IN ANY PRIMARY GRADE IN ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL IS EVALUATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING LEARNING DISABILITIES, REGARDLESS OF ETIOLOGY.

(B) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ~~[[DEVELOP AND PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS BASED UPON THE NEEDS OF THE DISABLED STUDENTS]]~~ PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS BASED UPON THE NEEDS OF DISABLED STUDENTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BALTIMORE CITY AND THE SEVERAL COUNTIES OF MARYLAND.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

CHAPTER 520

(House Bill 257)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 27-2(a-1) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Absentee Voting," to provide that persons unable to go to the polls to vote because of a death or serious illness in their immediate family may vote by absentee ballot, to eliminate, in certain cases, the requirement of an employer's statement under oath or a physician's certificate, and clarifying the wording of this section.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 27-2(a-1) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Absentee Voting," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

27-2.

(a-1) Within seven (7) days of an election and on the day of the election prior to the time the polls close, any person registered and otherwise qualified to vote may apply for an emergency absentee ballot if, as a condition of his employment, he is required to be absent from the county or Baltimore City where he is registered to vote on the day of an election, [or] is unable to be physically present at the polls as a result of illness or accident occurring after the time of making application for an absentee ballot **OR IS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT BECAUSE OF A DEATH OR SERIOUS ILLNESS IN HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY OCCURRING AFTER THE TIME FOR MAKING APPLICATION.** The application shall be made under penalty of perjury but without formal oath, setting