

Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the programs and services provided to any child authorized and funded under Sections 99, 100, 101 and 102 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement) title "Public Education" subtitle Chapter 7. Handicapped Children," shall remain in effect and not be diminished prior to or during the phase-in of the plans provided for in Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end all the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if the General Assembly shall replace the State aid formula set forth in Section 128 of Article 77 with a new or revised formula and codify the same elsewhere than in Section 128, the reference to Section 128 in Section 106B shall be deemed to refer to the section or sections wherein the new or revised formula is set forth.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973, and Section 2 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved May 21, 1973.

CHAPTER 360

(Senate Bill 807)

AN ACT to add new Sections 128A and 128B to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 9. Finance and Reports"; to repeal Sections 128 and 129 of said article, title, and subtitle; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 42, 52(b), 57(c), 68(c), 68(g), 112(b), 112(c), 117(c), 117(g), 124(b), 124(c), 127, 130(b), and 131 of said article and title, subtitles "Chapter 4. County Boards of Education," "Chapter 5. Superintendent of Schools," "Chapter 8. Teachers," and "Chapter 9. Finance and Reports," respectively, to establish a new method and formula for providing State financial assistance of public education, to change the requirements relating to local financial support of public education, to provide for a phase-in of certain new provisions relating to State and local support of public education, to conform those sections of Article 77 which make reference to the program of State aid for public education to the new program for such aid, to place the provisions relating to density aid in a new section and to conform said provisions to the new formula for general State financial assistance, and generally relating to State and local support of public education.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 128A and 128B be and they are hereby added to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 9. Finance and Reports," to follow immediately after Section 128 thereof [and that Section 128(b) of said article, title, and subtitle be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments,] and all to read as follows: