Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed, to read as follows:

## Article 77 - Public Education

56B.

(d) Nothing in this 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 to any amount in excess of the limit of the policy or in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in the case of self-insurance.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 56B(d) be and it is hereby added to Article 77 — Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) to read as follows:

## Article 77 - Public Education

56B.

(D) THE SEVERAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION ON THEIR OWN BEHALF MAY RAISE THE DEFENSE OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY TO ANY AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT OF THE POLICY OR IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 IN THE CASE OF SELF-INSURANCE. IN ANY CASE, THE SEVERAL BOARDS OR ANY BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY NOT RAISE THE DEFENSE OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY IN ANY CLAIM OF LESS THAN \$100,000.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

Approved May 31, 1974.

## CHAPTER 793

## (House Bill 1299)

AN ACT concerning

Worcester County - Clarification of Local Laws

FOR the purpose of correcting obsolete, obscure, and erroneous language in the Worcester County Code of Public Local Laws and particularly making that Code conform to the system of courts presently existing