

ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF EACH COUNTY MAY MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE STATE REGULATIONS, CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN IN THESE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS, PROVIDED THAT ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL BE THE SAME AS THOSE APPLICABLE TO CHILDREN ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(B) EACH YEAR THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL CONFER WITH THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS AND EACH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND WITH THE APPROPRIATE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL OFFICIALS, IN ORDER TO ESTIMATE FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR THE AMOUNT NEEDED TO PURCHASE, PROVIDE AND ADMINISTER THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN ALL OF THE COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY. THEREAFTER, THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SUBMIT THE ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO PROVIDE THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN BALTIMORE CITY AND THE COUNTIES TO THE OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH PREPARING THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET. THE STATE OF MARYLAND SHALL PROVIDE THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS AND THE COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION WITH THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(C) IN NO EVENT MAY THE AVERAGE COST FOR TRANSPORTATION OF A NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILD EXCEED THE AVERAGE COST FOR TRANSPORTATION OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILD IN THE SAME COUNTY (OR BALTIMORE CITY) IN WHICH THE NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL IS LOCATED.

SECTION 2. 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 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

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