

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 77 - Public Education
Section 56D(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 56D(b) of Article 77 - Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 77 - Public Education

56D.

(b) In Baltimore City, on recommendation of the superintendent of public instruction, the Board of School Commissioners may suspend or dismiss any teacher, principal, supervisor, assistant superintendent, or other professional assistant for immorality, misconduct in office, insubordination, incompetence, or wilful neglect of duty, provided that the charge or charges be stated, in writing, to the person, that the person be given an opportunity to be heard by the Board of School Commissioners upon not less than 10 days' notice, and that the person be allowed to bring counsel and witnesses to the hearing; AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT AN APPEAL FROM THE BOARD'S DECISION MAY BE MADE BY ANY TEACHER, PRINCIPAL, OR SUPERVISOR TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. ~~THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT ANY TEACHER, PRINCIPAL, OR SUPERVISOR WHO HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR DISMISSED FROM APPEALING THE SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL DIRECTLY TO THE APPROPRIATE COURT.~~ Nothing in this section shall preclude the State Board of Education from adopting bylaws providing for a probationary period of employment not to exceed two years, except for personnel of the Baltimore City public schools at the level of assistant superintendent or above.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July 1~~ September 1, 1977.

Approved April 29, 1977.

CHAPTER 287

(House Bill 2032)

AN ACT concerning