

FOR the purpose of establishing certain time limits for hearings and decisions within the appeal process for placement of children in public schools; and requiring the Circuit Court to assume responsibility for the appeal under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 77 - Public Education
Section 100A (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 77 - Public Education
Section 100A (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 100A(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- Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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

100A.

(b) The State Board of Education shall, on receipt of request for a review [within 60 days], establish a hearing board of not less than three persons knowledgeable in the fields and areas significant to the education review of the child. Members of the hearing board may be employees of the State Department of Education or may be qualified persons from outside the Department. No person shall serve as a member of the hearing board who participated in the previous diagnosis, evaluation, prescription of special educational services, and other educational records of the child, which records shall be furnished by the local or regional board of education.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 100A(f) be and it is hereby added to Article 77 - Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 77 - Public Education

100A.

(F) (1) A LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL HEAR