

county board for a HEARING review of the placement decision.

(2) ~~Within [60] 30 15 days after it receives a request for HEARING review, the county board shall appoint a hearing officer or a hearing board that consists of individuals who are knowledgeable in the fields and areas significant to the educational review of the handicapped child, to hear the case and make a decision.~~

(3) ~~An individual may not serve as the hearing officer or a board member if he:~~

(i) ~~is an employee of the county board that is responsible for the education or care of the handicapped child; or~~

(ii) ~~has an interest that would conflict with his objectivity in the hearing.~~

(4) ~~Within [this same 60 day period] 60 45 DAYS AFTER THE COUNTY BOARD RECEIVES THE REQUEST FOR HEARING REVIEW, the hearing officer or the hearing board shall review the placement and make a decision.~~

(b) (2) ~~Within [60] 30 15 days after it receives a request for review, the State Board shall appoint a hearing board of at least three individuals who are knowledgeable in the fields and areas significant to the educational review of the child.~~

(c) (2) ~~The hearing board shall take its decision within [60] 45 days after the State Board receives the request for review.~~

(d) ~~Waiver of [60] 45 day limits. The [60] 45 day time limits imposed by subsections (a) and (c) of this section for a decision on a request for review shall be extended or waived on written request to the reviewing authority by the parent or guardian of the requested the review.~~

(e) ~~Circuit Court to act if State Board fails to meet [60] 45 day requirement. If a decision is not made on a request for review within [60] 45 days after it is received by the State Board under subsection (b) of this section, the Circuit Court for the county in which the child resides or, if he resides in Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Court, on petition shall hear and make a decision on the request for review as soon as practicable after receiving the record of the case.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

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