

THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS BASED ON THE NEEDS OF DISABLED STUDENTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 77, §98C.

The only changes are in style.

7-202. MINIMUM READING LEVELS REQUIRED.

(A) STATE BOARD TO REQUIRE MINIMUM READING LEVELS.

THE STATE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE A MINIMUM LEVEL OF READING ABILITY FOR EACH GRADE 2 THROUGH 12 THAT RISES FOR EACH SUCCEEDING GRADE.

(B) FAILURE TO MEET MINIMUM LEVELS.

IF A COUNTY BOARD, BASED ON LOCAL ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PROGRESS AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MARYLAND ACCOUNTABILITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM, FINDS THAT A STUDENT IN GRADES 3, 7, OR 9 THROUGH 11 WHO IS NOT MODERATELY, SEVERELY, OR PROFOUNDLY INTELLECTUALLY LIMITED HAS NOT MET EITHER A MINIMUM GRADE LEVEL COMPETENCY OR THE MINIMUM READING LEVEL AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR THE PREVIOUS GRADE, THE STUDENT SHALL BE:

(1) KEPT IN THE CURRENT GRADE; OR

(2) ENROLLED IN AN APPROPRIATE READING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AS PART OF HIS INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM.

(C) LIMITATION ON WITHHOLDING GRADE ADVANCEMENT.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE THE SOLE REASON FOR WITHHOLDING GRADE ADVANCEMENT MORE THAN ONCE IN GRADES 2 THROUGH 7.

(D) BYLAWS.

THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT BYLAWS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 77, §98D.

In subsection (d) of this section, the present reference to "by July 1, 1977" is deleted as obsolete.

The only other changes are in style.

7-203. EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM.

(A) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.