

BEFORE ADOPTING A LOCAL PLAN, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL CONSULT WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES AND PERSONS WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF CHILDREN WHO NEED SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.

(D) PLAN MAY EXCEED STATE STANDARDS.

A COUNTY BOARD MAY ADOPT A PLAN THAT EXCEEDS STATE STANDARDS.

(E) DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST COUNTY BOARDS.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE REASONABLE ASSISTANCE TO EACH COUNTY BOARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS PLAN.

(F) PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN 6 YEARS.

EACH COUNTY PLAN SHALL PROVIDE FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS WITHIN 6 YEARS ON AN ANNUAL PHASE-IN BASIS.

(G) SUBMISSION TO STATE SUPERINTENDENT.

EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL SUBMIT ITS PLAN TO THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT WITHIN 9 MONTHS AFTER ADOPTION OF THE STANDARDS BY THE STATE BOARD AND IMPLEMENTATION SHALL BEGIN WITH THE SCHOOL YEAR AFTER THE PLAN IS SUBMITTED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 77, §106D(b).

In this section, the present definitions of "local board of education" and "county" are deleted as unnecessary in light of the definitions of "county board" and "county" in §1-101 of this article.

The only other changes are in style.

#### 8-405. APPROVAL OF COUNTY PLANS.

(A) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNTY PLAN.

THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL REVIEW EACH COUNTY PLAN AND, IF HE FINDS THAT IT MEETS THE STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE, HE SHALL RECOMMEND THAT THE PLAN BE APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD.

(B) DISAPPROVAL OF PLAN.

IF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT FINDS THAT THE PLAN DOES NOT MEET THE STANDARDS OF THE STATE BOARD OR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE, HE SHALL RETURN IT TO THE COUNTY BOARD WITH HIS WRITTEN STATEMENT OF WHY THE PLAN DOES NOT MEET THESE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS.

(C) STATE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACT WITHIN 60 DAYS.

THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ACT ON THE PLAN WITHIN