relating to vision and hearing tests; and generally relating to the hearing and vision screenings for all students in the public schools, certain private schools, and certain nonpublic education facilities approved as special education facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education Section 7-403 Annotated Code of Maryland (1978 Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article - Education

7-403.

- (a) (1) Each county board or county health department shall provide hearing and vision [screening tests] SCREENINGS for all students in the public schools.
- (2) Each county health department shall provide and fund hearing and vision [tests] SCREENINGS for all students:
- (i) In any private school that has received a certificate of approval under § 2-206 of this article; and
- (ii) In any nonpublic educational facility in this State approved as a special education facility by the Department.
- (b) (1) Unless evidence is presented that a student has been tested within the past year, the [tests] SCREENINGS required under subsection (a) of this section shall be given in the year THAT a student enters a school system, ENTERS THE FIFTH FOURTH, FIFTH, OR SIXTH GRADE, and [when he] enters the ninth grade.
- (2) Further [testing] SCREENING shall be done in accordance with the bylaws adopted by the State Board.
- (c) The results of the hearing and vision [tests] SCREENINGS required by this section shall be:
- (1) Made a part of the permanent record file of each student; and
- (2) Given to the parents of any student who fails the [tests] SCREENINGS.