

INCLUDING VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT APPROPRIATE FOR TRANSPORTING HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, THE STATE BOARD DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT GUIDELINES WHICH SET MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR EACH COUNTY TO MEET IN ALL TO MEET IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

(I) THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR HIRING AND TRAINING OF DRIVERS AND AIDES, INCLUDING PRIVATE CONTRACT PERSONNEL, INVOLVED IN HANDLING AND TRANSPORTING HANDICAPPED CHILDREN TO LEVEL V NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES; AND

(II) THE APPROPRIATE LENGTH OF TIME AND DISTANCE FOR TRANSPORTING HANDICAPPED CHILDREN TO LEVEL V NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES; AND

~~(III) THE APPROPRIATENESS OF SAFETY SEATS, FASTENERS, SAFETY BELTS, AND THE SAFETY OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES USED FOR TRANSPORTING HANDICAPPED CHILDREN TO NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES.~~

(D) (1) BY JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR EACH COUNTY ANY COUNTY THAT HAS 25 OR MORE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ATTENDING LEVEL V NONPUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES SHALL SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD DEPARTMENT A DETAILED REPORT, INCLUDING ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS IT HAS ADOPTED SINCE THE SUBMISSION OF ITS LAST REPORT, WHICH OUTLINE THE COUNTY'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE BOARD DEPARTMENT ADOPTED GUIDELINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN TO LEVEL V NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES.

(2) THE STATE BOARD DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY:

(I) REVIEW EACH APPLICABLE COUNTY'S PLAN OR PROCEDURES FOR TRANSPORTING HANDICAPPED CHILDREN TO LEVEL V NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE BOARD'S DEPARTMENT'S GUIDELINES; AND

(II) ADVISE A COUNTY AS TO WHETHER ITS PLAN OR PROCEDURES ARE IN COMPLIANCE.

(E) IN BOTH THE ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION AND THE ANNUAL REVIEW UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION OF EACH APPLICABLE COUNTY'S PLAN OR PROCEDURES FOR TRANSPORTING CHILDREN TO LEVEL V NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES, THE STATE BOARD DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS OF EACH APPLICABLE COUNTY, INCLUDING THE DIFFERENCES AMONG URBAN AND RURAL COUNTIES; AND

(2) SHALL RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY ON AN INDIVIDUAL CLIENT BASIS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984. It shall remain in effect for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 1987, and with no further