

**Education – State Superintendent – Opportunity for Comment on a County Board of Education’s School Improvement Plan**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to provide certain persons with an opportunity to comment on certain improvement plans before certain recommendations are made to the State Board of Education; and generally relating to the reconstitution of failing schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 2-303(c) and 7-203(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Education**

2-303.

(c) The State Superintendent shall:

- (1) Carry out the educational policies of the State Board;
- (2) Call and conduct conferences of county boards and professional personnel of the county school systems on the condition, needs, and improvement of the schools; [and]
- (3) Prepare and publish pamphlets to:
  - (i) Stimulate public interest;
  - (ii) Promote the work of education; and
  - (iii) Foster professional insight and efficiency in teachers; AND
- (4) PROVIDE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THEIR ASSESSMENT OF A LOCAL BOARD’S SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PRIOR TO MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE STATE BOARD TO RECONSTITUTE A FAILING SCHOOL.

7-203.

(b) The education accountability program shall include the following:

- (1) The State Board and the State Superintendent shall assist each county board to establish educational goals and objectives that conform with statewide educational objectives for subject areas including reading, writing, and mathematics;
- (2) With the assistance of its county board, each public school shall survey current student achievement in reading, language, mathematics, and other areas to assess its needs;