relating to organizations of certificated employees in Baltimore County to include elementary school and special school nurses; authorizing the public school employer in Baltimore County to designate a separate unit comprised of elementary school and special school nurses; altering the maximum number of collective bargaining units in Baltimore County; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to elementary school and special school nurses and organizations of certificated employees in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 6-401(c) and 6-404(b) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

## Article - Education

6-401.

- (c) (1) "Public school employee" means a certificated professional individual who is employed by a public school employer or an individual of equivalent status in Baltimore City, except for a county superintendent or an individual designated by the public school employer to act in a negotiating capacity as provided in § 6–408(b) of this subtitle.
- (2) In Montgomery County, "public school employees" include certificated and noncertificated substitute teachers employed by the public school employer for at least 7 days before March 1 of the school fiscal year ending June 30, 1978, and each year after.
- (3) In Baltimore County, "public school employee" includes a secondary school nurse, AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NURSE, AND A SPECIAL SCHOOL NURSE. 6–404.
- (b) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE public school employer shall determine the composition of the unit in negotiation with any employee organization that requests negotiation concerning the composition of the unit.
- (2) IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYER MAY DESIGNATE A SEPARATE UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL REGISTERED NURSES EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OR SPECIAL SCHOOLS.
- (c) (1) [There] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THERE may not be more than two units in a county.