

~~Article - Education~~

~~Section 7-301(b) through (g), respectively  
to be Section 7-301(e) through (h), respectively  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education  
Section 7-301(a) 7-101  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

~~Article - Education  
Section 7-301(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume)~~

~~SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 7-301(b) through (g), respectively, of Article - Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7-301(e) through (h), respectively.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED~~ 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Education**

~~7-301.~~

~~(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each child who resides in this State and is 5 years old or older and under 16 shall attend a public school regularly during the entire school year unless the child is otherwise receiving regular, thorough instruction during the school year in the studies usually taught in the public schools to children of the same age.~~

~~(2) In accordance with regulations of the State Board of Education, a child who resides in this State and is 5 years old may be exempted from mandatory school attendance for 1 year if the child's parent or guardian files a written request with the local school system asking that the child's attendance be delayed due to the child's level of maturity.~~

~~(3) Except as provided in subsection [(f)](G) of this section or in regulations of the State Board of Education, each child who resides in this State shall attend a kindergarten program regularly during the school year prior to entering the first grade unless the child is otherwise receiving regular, thorough instruction in the skills and studies usually taught in a kindergarten program of a public school.~~