

CHAPTER 511

(House Bill 1023)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland School for the Deaf – Funding and Services

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland School for the Deaf to establish and operate a program of enhanced services for deaf students who have other moderate to severe disabilities; providing for the placement of students in the enhanced program; requiring the State and certain counties under certain circumstances to share in paying the costs of the program; requiring the School and the Department of Education to enter into a written agreement regarding certain monitoring of the School by the Department and certain assistance from the Department to the School; authorizing certain agreements between the School and certain other agencies; defining certain terms; establishing a formula to calculate certain mandatory annual funding obligations for the State; including the Maryland School for the Deaf among entities for which the Governor may not reduce appropriations; and generally relating to the Maryland School for the Deaf.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 8-310.1 through 8-310.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1997 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education
Section 8-415(d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1997 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7-213(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The Maryland School for the Deaf provides an essential service for some deaf children in the State who meet its admissions policy; and

WHEREAS, A minimum level of funding is necessary to cover the costs of inflation and enrollment growth and to ensure adequate maintenance of the School's existing programs; and