SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001, and shall be applicable to the calculations of any payments of State aid for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2001, and for each subsequent fiscal year.

Approved May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 368

(Senate Bill 281)

AN ACT concerning

State Department of Education – Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program – Establishment and Operation

FOR the purpose of establishing a Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program in the State Department of Education; providing for the administration and staffing of the Program; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to provide benefits under the Program beginning by a certain date; requiring the Director of the Program to establish a Hearing Aid Loan Bank; establishing certain criteria for the maintenance of the Hearing Aid Loan Bank; specifying certain criteria for eligibility under the Program; specifying certain conditions for borrowing a hearing aid under the Program; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain regulations; requiring that certain instructions be provided to a parent or legal guardian of an eligible child; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, beginning in a certain fiscal year, sufficient funds for the Program; requiring the State Superintendent to submit a certain annual report to the Governor and General Assembly; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program for eligible children.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 8–501 through 8–507 8–508, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5. Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

SUBTITLE 5. HEARING AID LOAN BANK PROGRAM.

8–501.

(A)   IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.