

**CHAPTER 113**

**(House Bill 9)**

AN ACT concerning

**Education - Liability for Education Costs - Exemptions for Out-of-State Adoption Agencies**

FOR the purpose of exempting certain out-of-state agencies that place children in certain residential care situations from liability for the costs of the education of those children; and generally relating to exempting out-of-state child placement agencies from the liability for the costs of certain children's education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 4-122(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

**Article - Education**

4-122.

(e) (1) **[Out-of-state]** EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, OUT-OF-STATE agencies that place a child in a foster care home or residential facility in Maryland shall be liable for the costs of **[such]** THE child's education, including transportation.

(2) THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY TO OUT-OF-STATE AGENCIES THAT PLACE A CHILD FOR ADOPTION AS DEFINED IN § 5-301(J) OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

Approved April 22, 2003.

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