

~~9-108. 9-109.~~

(A) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL DISBURSE TO A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AN AMOUNT OF COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL MONEY FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND SECONDARY STUDENTS THAT IS COMMENSURATE WITH THE AMOUNT DISBURSED TO OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE LOCAL JURISDICTION.

(B) THE STATE BOARD OR THE COUNTY BOARD MAY GIVE SURPLUS EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, FURNITURE, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT TO A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL.

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(A) (1) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DEVELOP A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL POLICY AND SUBMIT IT TO THE STATE BOARD.

(2) THE POLICY REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING:

(I) EVALUATION OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS;

(II) REVOCAION OF A CHARTER;

(III) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AND

(IV) FINANCIAL, PROGRAMMATIC, OR COMPLIANCE AUDITS OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE A STAFF PERSON TO FUNCTION AS A CONTACT PERSON FOR THE MARYLAND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Department of Education shall create and disseminate to each local board of education model public charter school policy language which can be used to create a public charter school policy as required by this Act. Each local board of education shall submit its public charter school policy to the State Board of Education by November 1, 2003.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before October 1, 2006, based on information gathered from each local board of education, the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City, and the public, the State Board of Education shall submit to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, a report including an evaluation of the public charter school program. The report shall address the advisability of the continuation, modification, expansion, or termination of the program.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2003.

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