

8-203.

~~The State Board shall [encourage] REQUIRE THAT each county board [to] develop and implement [programs for gifted and talented students] IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES, SERVICES, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENT EDUCATION THAT MEET NATIONALLY ACCEPTED RESEARCH BASED STANDARDS ENDORSED BY THE STATE BOARD.~~

8-204.

(A) ~~[To the extent funds are provided in the State budget or are available from other sources, the State Board shall] FUNDS FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET AS PART OF THE STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION UNDER § 5-202 OF THIS ARTICLE SO THAT THE STATE BOARD MAY provide guidance, consultative and technical assistance, and fiscal support for programs that include:~~

(1) ~~Teacher training to incorporate instruction in methods and techniques that are designed to enable teachers to identify and teach gifted and talented students;~~

(2) ~~Research undertaken to help develop new or modified curricula for gifted and talented students; and~~

(3) ~~Evaluation, demonstration, and distribution of findings that are related to programs for gifted and talented students.~~

(B) ~~EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS THAT MEET THE STANDARDS SPECIFIED BY THE STATE BOARD.~~

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

Approved May 22, 2003.

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## CHAPTER 419

### (House Bill 346)

AN ACT concerning

#### Family Law - Grounds for Absolute Divorce

FOR the purpose of adding cruelty of treatment toward a minor child of the complaining party and excessively vicious conduct toward a minor child of the complaining party as grounds for an absolute divorce; providing that recrimination is not a bar to obtaining a divorce on any of the specified absolute divorce grounds; ~~prohibiting a minor child from being compelled to testify in a certain divorce proceeding except under certain circumstances;~~ and generally relating to grounds for an absolute divorce.