

Section ~~8-310(a)~~ ~~8-310~~ and ~~8-317~~

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

8-310.

(a) (1) Each county BOARD shall pay the Maryland School for the Blind [\$200 a year] AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE BASIC COST, AS DEFINED IN § 8-415(D)(1) OF THIS TITLE, for each blind child who is sent to the school from the county EACH YEAR TO SUPPORT THE COST OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMMING.

(2) EACH COUNTY GOVERNING BODY SHALL INCLUDE A CHILD SENT TO THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT USED FOR CALCULATING THE REQUIRED LOCAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER § 5-202(D) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(b) The Board of Directors of the Maryland School for the Blind shall give each county [treasurer and the Comptroller of Baltimore City] BOARD on April 1 and October 1 of each year a statement that contains:

(1) The number of blind children who are attending from the county; and

(2) The name of each blind child from the county and charged to the county.

(c) (1) The county council, board of county commissioners, or Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall pay to the Maryland School for the Blind on or before May 1 and November 1 of each year \$100 for each child who is sent to the school from the county certified as of April 1 and October 1 to the treasurer of the county and the Comptroller of Baltimore City by the Board of Directors of the Maryland School for the Blind.

(2) These payments are considered payments for tuition.

(d) (1) Each year, the county council, board of county commissioners, or Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall levy on the assessable property of the county an amount equal to \$200 for each blind child who is sent to the Maryland School for the Blind from the county.

(2) The amount of annual tax levied by a county shall be enough to provide for the number of blind children who are sent from the county based on the certification of the previous year by the Board of Directors of the Maryland School for the Blind to the county.