

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1992.

Approved May 12, 1992.

CHAPTER 369

(House Bill 859)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Blind Persons – Literacy

FOR the purpose of establishing the Blind Student's Literacy Rights and Education Act; creating a presumption that proficiency in certain skills is essential to the literacy of blind and visually impaired students; providing for strengthening requirements in certain skills for candidates for certification or recertification; providing for the coordination of teaching materials in nonvisually accessible media; and generally relating to the education of blind students.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 8-311

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

8-311.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(I) HAS A VISUAL ACUITY OF 20/200 OR LESS IN THE BETTER EYE WITH CORRECTING LENSES OR HAS A LIMITED FIELD OF VISION SO THAT THE WIDEST DIAMETER OF THE VISUAL FIELD SUBTENDS AN ANGLE NO GREATER THAN 20 DEGREES;

(II) HAS A MEDICALLY INDICATED EXPECTATION OF VISUAL DETERIORATION; OR