

(c) A [county board of education] LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM that places a [handicapped student] CHILD WITH A DISABILITY with an employer in an unpaid work assignment pursuant to the [student's] CHILD'S individualized education [plan] PROGRAM may secure workers' compensation coverage for that [student] CHILD.

8-403.

(a) The State and each [county] LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM shall:

(1) ~~Make~~ MAKE A free [educational programs] APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION available to each [handicapped] child WITH A DISABILITY, [including a child who is severely handicapped,] as provided by this subtitle, ~~and~~

(2) ~~Notify the parents or guardians of each [handicapped] child WITH A DISABILITY of the availability of extended year programs if the child is currently enrolled in an educational program.~~

(b) Appropriate special [educational] EDUCATION AND RELATED services are [to begin as soon as a child can benefit from them] AVAILABLE TO A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY FROM BIRTH THROUGH AGE 20[, whether or not he is of regular school age].

8-404.

(a) The State Board shall adopt, as [bylaws] REGULATIONS, standards for the identification, [diagnosis, examination, and education] EVALUATION, EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT, AND THE PROVISION OF A FREE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION of each child in this State who is under the age of 21 and is found to need special [educational] EDUCATION AND RELATED services, whether or not the child is receiving nonduplicative services from another governmental agency.

(b) Before these standards are adopted, the State Board shall consult with public and private agencies and persons who are concerned with and knowledgeable about the [problems of children] EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES who [need] REQUIRE special [educational] EDUCATION AND RELATED services.

(c) The standards for the education of [handicapped children] A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY who [are] IS enrolled in [programs] A SCHOOL that [are] IS operated by an agency other than a [county board] LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM may not be lower than the standards for the education of [children] A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY who [are] IS enrolled in [programs] A SCHOOL that [are] IS operated by a [county board] LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM. The standards for the approval of [programs] SCHOOLS located in jurisdictions outside Maryland shall be the same as standards applicable to the approval of [programs] SCHOOLS within Maryland. However, no [program] SCHOOL located in a jurisdiction outside Maryland shall be approved if the charges for pupils approved by the Department are higher than charges for pupils from any other state for the same services, unless waived by the State Superintendent.

(d) The standards shall include: