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(a) Each county board shall give the county health department any information the board receives as to handicapped children who live in its county.

(b) The county health department shall:

(1) Recommend which of these handicapped children need additional diagnostic or treatment services; and

(2) Refer these children to the county board for evaluation.

(c) Each county board:

(1) Is responsible for the identification of handicapped children who need special educational services; and

(2) Shall provide or arrange for appropriate educational facilities and services for these handicapped children.]

8-410.

(a) Each [county board] LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM shall provide or arrange for the transportation during the regular school year of each [handicapped] child WITH A DISABILITY who is in a placement approved in conformity with [§§ 8-404 and 8-406 of] this subtitle and applicable [bylaws] REGULATIONS of the State Board and standards in:

(1) A public school;

(2) A school maintained by a State agency; and

(3) A nonpublic school.

(b) The [county board] LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM of the county in which the [handicapped] child WITH A DISABILITY resides shall certify and pay the cost of his daily or other reasonable transportation to school under the rules and regulations adopted by the State Board if:

(1) The school is outside this State or the county in which the child resides; and

(2) State aid has provided for the education of the child under this subtitle.

(c) (1) The rules and regulations adopted by the State Board shall take into consideration any hardship cases that reasonably may require additional expenses to guarantee adequate transportation during the regular school year.

(2) In addition to providing advice to the Motor Vehicle Administration under § 25-110 of the Transportation Article regarding the adoption by the Administration of rules and regulations relating to the safe operation of school vehicles, including vehicles and equipment appropriate for transporting