

CHAPTER 362

(House Bill 169)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Children in Informal Kinship Care Relationships

FOR the purpose of requiring a superintendent of schools of a county to allow a child to attend a public school in a school attendance area other than the school in the school attendance area where the child is domiciled with the child's parent or legal guardian if the child lives with a relative in the school attendance area in an informal kinship care relationship due to a serious family hardship; requiring certain affidavits to include certain notice; making a conforming change concerning the form of a certain affidavit; and generally relating to children who live with relatives who provide informal kinship care due to a serious family hardship.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Education
 Section 7-101
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

7-101.

(a) All individuals who are 5 years old or older and under 21 shall be admitted free of charge to the public schools of this State.

(b) (1) Except as provided in § 7-301 of this title and in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each child shall attend a public school in the county where the child is domiciled with the child's parent, guardian, or relative providing informal kinship care, as defined in subsection (c) of this section.

(2) Upon request and in accordance with a county board's policies concerning residency, a county superintendent may allow a child to attend school in the county even if the child is not domiciled in that county with the child's parent or guardian.