

AN ACT concerning

Schools - Early Intervention - Hearing and Vision Screenings

FOR the purpose of altering a certain timeframe for when county boards of education and county health departments are required to provide hearing and vision screenings to certain students; authorizing certain screenings in accordance with certain policies; requiring county boards of education and county health departments to provide certain forms; requiring certain parents or guardians to report certain information; and generally relating to the provision of hearing and vision screenings in public schools, private schools, and nonpublic educational facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Education
Section 7-404
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

7-404.

(a) (1) Each county board or county health department shall provide hearing and vision screenings for all students in the public schools.

(2) Each county health department shall provide and fund hearing and vision screenings for all students:

(i) In any private school that has received a certificate of approval under § 2-206 of this article; and

(ii) In any nonpublic educational facility in this State approved as a special education facility by the Department.

(b) (1) Unless evidence is presented that a student has been tested within the past year, the screenings required under subsection (a) of this section shall be given in the year that a student enters a school system, enters the [fourth, fifth, or sixth] **FIRST** grade, and enters the [ninth] ~~THIRD~~ **EIGHTH OR NINTH** grade.

(2) Further screening shall be done in accordance with ~~the~~: