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CHAPTER 617

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Special Education - Extending Age of Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the time through which a child is eligible for special  
4 education and related services to the end of the school year in which the child  
5 turns 21 years of age; and requiring special education and related services  
6 regulations of the State Board of Education to cover a child through the end of  
7 the school year in which the child turns 21 years of age.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article - Education

10 Section 8-403 and 8-404(a)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 8-403.

17 (a) The State and each local school system shall make a free appropriate  
18 public education available to each child with a disability, as provided by this subtitle.

1 (b) Appropriate special education and related services are available to a child  
2 with a disability from birth through [age 20] THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN  
3 WHICH THE CHILD TURNS 21 YEARS OF AGE.

4 8-404.

5 (a) The State Board shall adopt, as regulations, standards for the  
6 identification, evaluation, educational placement, and the provision of a free  
7 appropriate public education of each child in this State who [is under] HAS BEGUN  
8 THE SCHOOL YEAR ~~ON OR BEFORE~~ UNDER the age of 21 and is found to need special  
9 education and related services, whether or not the child is receiving nonduplicative  
10 services from another governmental agency.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2000.