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**By: Delegate Rudolph**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

**2 Deaf Students - Access to Out-of-State Specialized Educational Centers**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing deaf students on approval by the State Superintendent of  
4 Schools to attend specialized educational centers outside the State if the deaf  
5 student is a Maryland resident and resides over a certain distance from any branch  
6 of the Maryland School for the Deaf; and requiring the Department and the county  
7 in which the deaf student resides to be responsible for providing certain  
8 reimbursement to the specialized educational center.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Education  
11 Section 8-304.2  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 8-304.2.

18 (A) SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, A DEAF  
19 CHILD WHO IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT AND WHO RESIDES MORE THAN 50 MILES  
20 FROM ANY BRANCH OF THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF SHALL HAVE THE  
21 OPTION TO ATTEND A STATE APPROVED SPECIALIZED EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR  
22 THE DEAF OUTSIDE OF THE STATE.

23 (B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE DEAF CHILD  
24 RESIDES SHALL REIMBURSE THE SPECIALIZED EDUCATIONAL CENTER AS  
25 PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

26 (2) (I) REIMBURSEMENT SHALL BE THE COST OF THE SPECIALIZED  
27 EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR THE DEAF, UP TO THE AMOUNT OF THE PER-PUPIL  
28 COST OF THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

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1 (II) IF THE COST OF THE SPECIALIZED EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR  
2 THE DEAF EXCEEDS THE PER-PUPIL COST OF THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE  
3 DEAF, THE PARENTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 1996.