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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, as day students, specialized educational centers outside the State
5 if the deaf student is a Maryland resident and resides more than a certain distance
6 from any branch of the Maryland School for the Deaf; and requiring the
7 Department and the county in which the deaf student resides to be responsible for
8 providing certain reimbursement to the specialized educational center.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Education
11 Section 8-304.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Replacement Volume)

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 8-304.1.

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, AS A DAY STUDENT, A STATE APPROVED SPECIALIZED
22 EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR 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 DAY PLACEMENT COST OF
27 THE SPECIALIZED EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR THE DEAF, UP TO THE AMOUNT OF
28 THE PER PUPIL COST OF THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

29 (II) IF THE DAY PLACEMENT COST OF THE SPECIALIZED
30 EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR THE DEAF EXCEEDS THE PER PUPIL COST OF THE

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1 MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE DEAF CHILD
2 RESIDES SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 1997.