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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - School Census and Census of Children with Disabilities**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education, under the direction of the
4 county superintendent, to take a school census of children under a certain age
5 during certain school years; requiring certain school census data to be reported
6 to certain entities; requiring certain census data collected about the children
7 with disabilities to be reported in a certain manner; and generally relating to a
8 school census and census of children with disabilities.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Education
11 Section 4-113
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2001 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 4-113.

18 (a) Under the direction of the county superintendent, a county board [may]
19 SHALL take a school census of the children under the age of [18] 21 in its county
20 DURING SCHOOL YEARS ENDING IN AN EVEN NUMBER, including a census of
21 [handicapped] children WITH DISABILITIES both of school age and of preschool age.

22 (b) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE SCHOOL
23 CENSUS DATA SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE STATE BOARD AND THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY.

25 (2) THE DATA COLLECTED ABOUT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES SHALL
26 BE REPORTED BY DISABLING CONDITION AND LEVEL OF SERVICE.

27 (C) [Any] ALL data collected as to [handicapped] children WITH
28 DISABILITIES shall be furnished to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

1 [(c)] (D) Any person who has under his control a child under the age of 18 and
2 who withholds information needed for the census from any officer demanding it or
3 who makes any false statement about the child is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
4 conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$20.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2002.