

by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 508.

(Senate Bill 166)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, and 221, and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 212 and 220 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 21. School Attendance", making it compulsory for certain minors to attend school.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, and 221 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 21. School Attendance", be and they are hereby repealed and that Sections 212 and 220 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 21. School Attendance", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

212. Every child residing in Baltimore City and in any county in the State between seven and sixteen years of age shall attend some day school regularly as defined in Section 220 of this Article, during the entire period of each year, the public day schools in said city or county in which said child resides are in session, unless it can be shown that the child is elsewhere receiving regularly thorough instruction during said period in the studies usually taught in said public schools to children of the same age; provided that the superintendent or principal of any school, or person or persons duly authorized by said superintendent or principal may excuse cases of necessary absence among its enrolled pupils; and provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a child whose mental or physical condition is such as to render its instruction as above described inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child between seven and sixteen years of age shall cause such child to attend school