

CHAPTER 580
(House Bill 249)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 124(b) and 125 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 9. Finance and Reports," and to add a new Section 126 thereto, to follow immediately after said Section 125, amending the public school laws to ~~require certain facilities for students to have lunch in school and requiring the State Board of Education to provide a program of subsidized and/or free lunches for under privileged children, and relating generally to this program~~ TO ESTABLISH A STATE FREE FEEDING PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS; TO INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THIS PROGRAM IN THE ~~GENERAL STATE SCHOOL FUND~~ ANNUAL STATE BUDGET, TO SET FORTH THE POLICIES IN REGARD TO THE PROGRAM AND RELATING GENERALLY TO PROVIDING FREE FEEDING PROGRAMS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 124(b) and 125 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 9. Finance and Reports," be and are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and new Section 126 be and it is hereby added to the same Article, title and subtitle, to follow immediately after said Section 125 thereof, and all to read as follows:

124.

(b) The Comptroller shall charge against and pay as hereinbefore or hereinafter provided from the General State School Fund, the annual appropriation made by the General Assembly for the support of the State Department of Education, including the expenses of the State Board of Education, and the support and expenses of the office of the State Superintendent of Schools; the annual appropriation for the Maryland Teachers' Retirement System; the annual appropriation for the education of handicapped children; ~~the annual appropriation for a subsidized and/or free lunch program~~ FEEDING PROGRAMS; the annual appropriation for administration and supervision of vocational education in public high and vocational schools, for physical education and recreation, for medical examination of school bus drivers, for case and guidance service for handicapped individuals needing vocational rehabilitation, for equivalence examinations, for public libraries, and for adult education; the annual appropriation for the State share of current expenses and annual current expense incentive aid as provided in Sections 128 and 129 of this article; the necessary costs of transporting pupils to public schools when such transportation is approved by the State Superintendent of Schools; and the school building construction aid as provided in Section 130 of this article.

125.

The State Board of Education is hereby authorized to accept for the State of Maryland any appropriation of money for any educational purposes ~~or subsidized and/or free lunch~~ FEEDING programs