

Article 59A - Mental Retardation  
 Section 8A  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 8A be and it is hereby added to Article 59A - Mental Retardation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 59A - Mental Retardation

8A.

ON MARCH 1, 1977, EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN OR ADMITTED TO ANY RESIDENTIAL FACILITY OPERATED OR LICENSED BY THE MENTAL RETARDATION ADMINISTRATION SHALL HAVE AN INDIVIDUALIZED PLAN OF CARE, INCLUDING TRAINING, APPROPRIATE THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES DEVELOPED FOR HIM IN WRITING BY PROFESSIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE PERSONNEL AS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN. THE INDIVIDUALIZED PLAN OF CARE SHALL BE REEVALUATED PERIODICALLY.

[[THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL RETARDATION SHALL ISSUE APPROPRIATE DIRECTIVES TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THIS SECTION.]] THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL RETARDATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PLANS SUBJECT TO BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND SHALL ISSUE APPROPRIATE DIRECTIVES TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Passed over the Governor's veto, in the House of Delegates on January 12, 1977, and in the Senate on January 13, 1977.

CHAPTER 4

(Senate Bill 557 of 1976)

AN ACT concerning

Public Education - School Budgets

FOR the purpose of adding the category "Special [[Education]] Education [[- salaries and other instructional costs]]" to the requested appropriation expense fund in budget requests for boards of education, and generally relating to the