

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

7-413.

(a) (1) There is a School Health Pilot Program.

(2) The general purpose of the Program is to implement a model program in two areas of this State in which portions of the population currently are underserved.

(3) The model program is designed to:

(i) Improve the health of school age children in this State; AND

(ii) [Develop through experience an appropriate and feasible methodology to assure that health related impairments to learning are identified and treated; and

(iii)] Provide a system for evaluation of the Program.

(4) Each of the two areas of this State shall be served by separate and equal component parts. One part of the Program will be operated in Baltimore City and the other in Caroline County.

[(b) The specific purposes and objectives of this Program are:

(1) To develop and implement a program for the delivery of such school health services to underserved school-age children in two areas in this State as may be necessary to eliminate obstacles to learning;

(2) To have prepared two registered nurses currently employed in the local health department as pediatric-school nurse practitioners;

(3) To assign each pediatric-school nurse practitioner with a health aide to an area that has underserved school-age children, using one or more schools as their focus; and

(4) To utilize data gathered between July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1983 to evaluate the efficacy of the intervention of the pediatric-school nurse practitioner in improving the health and learning of children in the specified area as measured by selected indices.]

(B) (1) THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM OPERATED IN BALTIMORE CITY ARE:

(I) TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE APPROPRIATE AND COST EFFECTIVE USE OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES;