

ment of Education, and they provide a guide to the services rendered by the Department in the planning, construction, staffing, supervision, and administration of the public schools. In addition, the research section conducts statistical studies as they are requested by the State Board of Education or the State Superintendent of Schools.

Division of Certification and Accreditation

The Division of Certification and Accreditation certifies the professional and academic staffs in the public and nonpublic schools of Maryland. It accredits all schools and colleges (both public and nonpublic) that operate in the State. It provides leadership in teacher education, licenses and inspects trade and vocational schools operating within the State, supervises the school lunch program, and administers high school equivalence examinations (Code 1951, Art. 77, secs. 20, 95-103).

Division of Library Extension

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The Division of Library Extension, established within the State Department of Education by the General Assembly of 1945, exercises supervision over school libraries and county libraries operating under the State-Aid Act of 1945. The Division provides direct service of books and periodicals to individuals, groups, or libraries, and makes available professional advice and assistance to all school and public libraries. It administers State funds made available under the Public Libraries Act (Code 1951, Art. 77, secs. 173-195).

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, established by the General Assembly of 1929, administers the Federal Civilian Rehabilitation Act and the funds provided by it *within the State of Maryland*. The Division provides vocational rehabilitation and placement service to physically handicapped persons. Branch offices are located in Baltimore, Salisbury, Hyattsville, and Hagerstown (Code 1951, Art. 77, secs. 282-86).

Appropriations—1957

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Special Fund</i>	<i>Federal Fund</i>	<i>Total</i>
State Department	\$ 737,117	.....	\$ 34,444	\$ 771,561
Vocational Rehabilitation	334,735	.....	412,158	746,893
State Aid to Education.....	50,427,327	\$ 41,040	1,650,665	52,119,032
Teachers Colleges.....	2,431,533	447,447	.....	2,878,980

Appropriations—1958

State Department	\$ 822,867	.....	\$ 30,868	\$ 853,735
Vocational Rehabilitation	372,367	.....	467,213	839,580
State Aid to Education.....	56,270,707	\$ 34,480	2,274,713	58,579,900
Teachers Colleges.....	2,838,885	456,262	.....	3,295,147

These figures do not include the following units: State-aided educational institutions, Maryland Teachers' Retirement System, and employment of the physically handicapped.

Staff: 252.