

duty it shall be to see whether the said applicant is entitled to compensation under the provisions of this Act and shall check up the service so made as a basis for a claim under the provisions of this Act and shall certify each application which is correct to the Comptroller of the State of Maryland who shall, by an order to the Treasurer of the State of Maryland, provide for the payment of each claim so applied for and certified. Residence in the State of Maryland, as required by the foregoing provisions of this Act shall be proven by the affidavits of two voters of the State of Maryland, which affidavit shall be considered as prima facie evidence of the applicant's eligibility in that connection.

SEC. 4 *And be it further enacted*, That any person entitled to compensation under the provisions of this Act who desires to continue his education in any of the public elementary, high or vocational schools of the State, or in any other institution of high school or collegiate grade in the State not run for profit shall, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the State Board of Education, be entitled to receive thirty dollars per month while in regular attendance as a student at any such institution, but not to exceed a total of one thousand and eighty dollars in lieu of the compensation provided for in Section 3 of this Act, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the benefits of this educational opportunity shall be available to persons who desire full-time short courses of less than a year's duration. If a person attending such short courses would receive a larger compensation under Section 3 of this Act, than he does under the provision of Section 4 of this Act, he shall receive at the completion of his course the difference between the bonus under Section 4 and the compensation which he would receive under Section 3 of this Act, if that is the larger amount.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the persons entitled to the bonus provided for in Section 4 shall apply to the State Board of Education within six months from Jan. 1, 1923, and be assigned to an educational institution by such Board under such rules and regulations as it shall prescribe, always meeting the expressed wishes of the applicant as far as possible. Attendance at an educational institution under the provisions of this Act may be begun at the beginning of any semester or term or quarter. The bonus shall be authorized for one year at a time and may be renewed annually not to exceed three times. The continuance of the granting of the bonus shall dependent