

126. VACANT.**127. Certification and payment of amounts due counties and Baltimore City.**

The State Superintendent of Schools shall certify to the Comptroller ten (10) days before the end of July, September, November, January, March, and May, the amounts due on said dates to the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Baltimore and to the county boards of education of the several counties, on account of the annual State share of current expenses and the annual current expense incentive aid as provided in Sections 128 and 129. The Comptroller shall within five days of the above said dates, draw his warrant on the Treasurer of the State of Maryland for the respective amounts due the City of Baltimore and the treasurers of the county boards of education of the several counties. On the receipt of the warrant of the Comptroller, the Treasurer of the State of Maryland shall immediately pay the respective amounts due the City of Baltimore and the treasurers of the county boards of education of the several counties.

128. State share of current expenses.

There is hereby established a State Foundation Program of Public Education which shall receive financial support from the State and each county and Baltimore City in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(a) Definitions.—(1) "Professional staff members" includes all persons employed by the various counties who are certificated by the State Superintendent of Schools or who hold equivalent status in the City of Baltimore as determined by the State Department of Education.

(2) "Allowed professional staff members" means those provided according to the terms of Section 68 of this Article.

(3) "Prescribed salaries" means the salaries required in Sections 112, 57 and 68.

(4) "Pupils enrolled" shall be all pupils enrolled as of September 30 of each year in grades 1 to 12 or in special programs for children within the age limit prescribed in the law and 50 per cent of the pupils enrolled in kindergartens as of September 30.

(5) "Adjusted assessed valuation of real property" shall be as reported by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation as of July 1 of the first completed fiscal year preceding the school year for which the calculation of State aid is to be made, plus 50 per cent of new property assessed between July 1 and December 31 of such completed fiscal year; and real property as defined herein shall include land, improvements to land, land and nonoperating property of railroads, land and nonoperating property of public utilities, and public utility operating property.

If for any county or Baltimore City, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation shall estimate that real property is assessed at less than 50 per cent or at more than 56 per cent, of the assessed valuation of those categories which are estimated to be under- or over-assessed, on the basis of surveys made under the