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#### CHAPTER III.

##### AN ACT

To amend an Act passed at the January Session of 1868, entitled Public Education, providing a general system of Free Public Schools for the State of Maryland, and to repeal all laws inconsistent therewith, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Act passed at the session of 1868, entitled Public Education, providing a general system of free public schools for the State of Maryland, and to repeal all laws inconsistent therewith, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That there shall be throughout the State of Maryland a general system of free public schools according to the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be added to the Code of Public General Laws, under the title Public Education, and that all existing laws inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

#### CHAPTER I.

##### Supervision.

Sec. 1. Educational matters affecting the State, and the general care and supervision of public education, shall be entrusted to a Board of State School Commissioners.

Sec. 2. Educational matters affecting a county shall be under the control of a Board of County School Commissioners.

Sec. 3. Educational matters affecting a school-district shall be under the supervision of a Board of District School Commissioners.

#### CHAPTER II.

##### Formation of Boards.

Sec. 1. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint at the present session of the General Assembly of Maryland, and at every regular session thereafter from among the President and Examiners of the several County Boards four persons, one of whom shall be a resident of the Eastern Shore, who, together with the Principal of the State Normal School, shall constitute the Board of State School Commissioners.

Sec. 2. The Board of County School Commissioners shall be composed of three persons, appointed by the Judges of the Circuit Courts to serve for two years from the first day of January next succeeding their appointment and until their successors shall qualify; provided, that in counties having over one hundred schools five persons shall be appointed.

Sec. 3. The Board of District School Commissioners shall be composed of three persons, who shall be appointed by the County School Commissioners on the first day of May, or at their first meeting thereafter in each year.

#### CHAPTER III.

##### Duties of the State School Commissioners.

Sec. 1. The Board of State School Commissioners shall hold regular meetings on the last Wednesday in May, August, November and February of every year, and special meetings as occasion may require.

Sec. 2. The office of the Board shall be in the State Normal School.

Sec. 3. The members of the Board shall receive no salary but actual expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Board, and they are authorized to employ a Secretary when necessary. The Treasurer, upon the warrant of the Comptroller, shall pay to the Board such amount not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum as he shall show to be due for these necessary expenses.

Sec. 4. The Board of State School Commissioners shall, to the best of their ability, cause the provisions of this law to be carried into effect, and may, if necessary, institute legal proceedings for that purpose with the direction and advice of the Attorney General, they shall explain the true intent and meaning of the law, and they shall decide without expense to the parties concerned, all controversies and disputes that may arise under it.

Sec. 5. They shall have the general care and supervision of the public school interests of the State; shall act as the assistants and advisers of the various County Boards, and shall, from time to time, issue circular letters to teachers and commissioners on topics connected with the administration of the public schools.

Sec. 6. In order to insure uniformity in the statistical reports of the public schools, they shall issue a uniform series of blanks for the use of teachers and of County Boards, and shall require all accounts to be kept and returns to be made according to these forms.

Sec. 7. They shall, when requested by the Board of County School Commissioners, examine candidates for the office of County Examiner, and give a certificate of qualification.

Sec. 8. They may grant to teachers of long experience and established reputation, professional certificates, which shall be valid until revoked for cause.

Sec. 9. The Board of State School Commissioners shall be ex-officio trustees of the State Normal School, and the Principal of the State Normal School shall be ex-officio a trustee of the State Agricultural College.

Sec. 10. All schools and colleges receiving any State donation, shall make a report on or before the fifteenth day of November in each year, of such matters and in such form as the Board of State School Commissioners may require, and the reports or an abstract thereof shall be published by the President of the Board in his annual school report.

#### CHAPTER IV.

##### Duties of the County School Commissioners.

Sec. 1. The Board of County School Commissioners shall meet for organization on the first Tuesday in January next succeeding their appointment or as soon thereafter as may be, and elect a person not a member of the Board, who shall serve as Secretary, Treasurer and Examiner, and notice of such election signed by the President of the Board shall be transmitted to the Comptroller; provided, that in counties having more than eighty-five schools, the Board may, at their discretion, appoint an assistant Examiner and fix his salary. The Board shall meet once in every school term, and at other times if necessary for the transaction of business. Each commissioner shall receive per day for each day of his attendance at the Board or on committees appointed by the Board, such pay as is allowed the County Commissioners in the several counties of the State; provided, that the aggregate amount paid in any year to commissioners per diem or any other compensation, shall not exceed an average of one hundred dollars for each commissioner.

Sec. 2. The Board of County School Commissioners is hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the Board of County School Commissioners of the county, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be capable to sue and be sued, to have and use a common seal, and to do all such things as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this law.

Sec. 3. All the property, estate, effects, money, funds, claims and State donations now vested by law in the public school authorities of any county for the use and benefit of public, primary, free or high schools, are hereby transferred to and vested in the Board of County School Commissioners and their successors in office.

Sec. 4. The Board of County School Commissioners shall have the general supervision and control of all schools in their respective counties, and they shall build, repair and furnish the school houses; they shall fix and pay the salaries of teachers; they shall purchase and distribute text books, and shall perform such other duties as may be necessary to secure an efficient administration of the public school system, subject to the provisions of this law.

Sec. 5. The State school tax and free school fund are primarily intended, under this Act, to pay the salaries of the teachers of the several counties, and to provide school books and stationery for the children of the State. If, however, in apportioning the said State school tax among the different counties and the City of Baltimore, the share of any county should prove inadequate for the purposes aforesaid, then the County Commissioners of such county are hereby authorized, empowered, directed and required to levy and collect such a tax upon the assessable property of such county as the Board of County School Commissioners shall designate as sufficient to make good the deficiency; provided, said tax shall not exceed ten cents in the hundred dollars, unless the County Commissioners shall approve and sanction an additional tax. The taxes so levied and collected shall be paid quarterly, on the first day of each month, to the several counties, but the proceeds of special taxes may be paid off upon the order of the Board of County School Commissioners to the Treasurer of the said Board of County School Commissioners, in order that the schools of such counties may be kept open for the time herein set forth, and said tax shall be levied and collected as other taxes. Any sums of money which may have been specially collected or levied on any election or school house district for educational purposes connected with those districts, shall be collected or applied to the purposes so intended originally, and shall be used for no other purpose, and if said funds have been used for other purposes they shall be returned and applied as aforesaid.

Sec. 6. In all cases where the county has not been properly divided into school districts, and full records of the boundaries thereof have not been made and recorded, the Board of County School Commissioners shall appoint a committee, if in their opinion they deem it necessary, consisting of three persons of intelligence and sound judgment, who shall divide the county into suitable school districts, define and describe the boundaries of each; provided, that no school district shall contain a greater area than four miles square, unless part of it be located in a thinly settled region. In the formation of the school districts, the committee shall take into consideration the most suitable site for the school-house, the general features

of the country, and shall make each school district of such size and form as will best accommodate the population within its bounds. The committee shall make an accurate description of the bounds of the school districts, accompanied by a plan, and shall report the same to the Board of County School Commissioners, who shall thereupon give notice in all the newspapers of the county, at what time they will meet to hear applications for a change of boundaries, which applications shall be made in writing and within two months from the date of the first publication of such notice. When the application shall have been heard, the Board of County School Commissioners may then change the boundaries of the school districts and revise the description, or they may without application, make such change as may be deemed important, or they may ratify and confirm the report of the committee. The description of the boundaries of school districts shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose by the Secretary of the Board of County School Commissioners. In those counties where no newspaper is published, the notice of application for a change of boundaries shall be published in such a manner as the Board of County School Commissioners may decide. Whenever it may be necessary, the Board of County School Commissioners shall employ a surveyor to aid the committee in the performance of such duty, and they shall allow the surveyor such compensation for his services as may be just and proper, and the committee shall receive no compensation whatever for their services. The cost of dividing the county shall be paid by the County School Commissioners out of the school fund of the county. If a county has already been divided into school districts, and it may be necessary to revise the same, the Board of County School Commissioners shall have full power to make such revision or alteration as may be necessary to accommodate the population and increase the efficiency of the schools. A full description of such changes and alterations shall also be made and recorded as aforesaid.

Sec. 7. The Board of County School Commissioners shall, on or before the fifteenth day of November in each year, make a report to the Board of State School Commissioners, in such form as may be prescribed by the latter, of the schools, and all matters affecting the educational interests of the county; they shall also publish annually in the month of November, in such form and manner as they may deem proper, a statement of their receipts and disbursements, including the money received and expended on account of text books, and a statement of the indebtedness of the Board at the close of the fiscal year, and forward a copy to the Board of State School Commissioners.

Sec. 8. In case of death, resignation or removal from any office, or disqualification from any legal office, the Judges of the Circuit Court of the judicial district where the vacancy occurs, shall have power to appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy. In case of inefficiency, refusal to act or breach of trust, the Board may, by a vote of a majority of its members, declare the office vacant, and give notice of the same to the Board of State School Commissioners, whose decision shall be final, but if no appeal be taken within ten days, the vacancy shall be filled as herebefore provided.

Sec. 9. No teacher in actual employment as such, shall fill the position of County School Commissioner.

#### CHAPTER V.

##### Duties of the District School Commissioners.

Sec. 1. The Board of District School Commissioners shall have the care of the houses and lands connected therewith intended for school purposes; also of the furniture, apparatus and other school property. They shall attend to all repairs and charge the cost among the incidental expenses of the school, to be paid out of the tax levied upon the assessable property of the county as herein provided; provided, that when repairs are to be paid for out of a county school tax, the amount to be expended for said repairs shall be determined by the Board of County School Commissioners before the repairs are made. The Board shall employ a teacher from among those persons who hold the certificate required by this law; they shall exercise a general supervision over their respective schools, and visit them frequently, and shall cause instruction to be given for ten months in the year.

Sec. 2. The Board of District School Commissioners shall see that every school house site is provided with suitable buildings.

Sec. 3. No school house shall be used for any other purpose than public school purposes and school district meetings, unless by consent of the Board of County School Commissioners, or a majority of them.

Sec. 4. Contiguous portions of two or more school house districts may, with the consent of the Board of County School Commissioners, combine and form a new school house district, and when thus formed, the said new school house district shall be invested with all the rights and powers heretofore set forth as pertaining to such districts; provided, that the new school house district thus formed, or said district from which it may be formed, shall not contain less than thirty-five legal resident voters.

#### CHAPTER VI.

##### School House Sites.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the

Board of county school commissioners to select a suitable school house site for every school district whenever the necessities of the district demand a change of house already built, or of a new house to be built.

Sec. 2. The Board of county school commissioners may receive such sites or locations for school purposes or suitable school purposes, or they may purchase the same, but shall only site be built upon the same.

Sec. 3. When the lands shall be required for the site of a school house, or for enlarging a school house lot, and the Board of county school commissioners shall, from any cause, be unable to contract with the owner thereof, the Board of county school commissioners may apply for a writ of *quod damus* to the clerk of the Circuit Court for the county, who shall forthwith issue the same, and the Sheriff shall execute the said writ, and return an inquisition in term or during recess, hear a motion to confirm such inquisition on such notice to the parties as may be directed, and confirm or quash the same, and if he confirms the inquisition he shall cause a new lot or lots to be taken, but no lot so taken or enlarged shall exceed in whole one acre, including the land occupied by the school building.

Sec. 4. In all cases when school house sites are thus purchased or condemned, the costs thereof shall be paid as other school house property is paid for.

Sec. 5. Every school house shall be built and finished according to plans and drawings issued from the office of county school commissioners.

#### CHAPTER VII.

##### Schools.

Sec. 1. The schools under the charge of the Board of county school commissioners for each county, shall respectively be designated school No. 1, 2, 3, &c., of their respective election districts.

Sec. 2. In every school house district in each county, established as herebefore provided, there shall be kept for ten months in each year, one or more schools, according to population, which shall be free to all white youth over six and under twenty-one years of age.

Sec. 3. In every district school there shall be taught Orthography, Reading, Writing, English Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, History of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and Good Behavior, Algebra, Book-Keeping, Natural Philosophy, Vocal Music, Drawing, Physiology, the Laws of Health and of Domestic Economy, shall also be taught whenever the Board of District school commissioners shall deem it expedient.

Sec. 4. Whenever a school numbers more than forty-five children in average attendance, an assistant may be employed by the Board of county school commissioners, and for every additional forty children one teacher may be appointed, and the Board of county school commissioners shall direct the division of the pupils so as to form a graded school.

Sec. 5. Whenever the number of children attending school in any school district is greater than one hundred, then the Board of county school commissioners may, with the consent of the Board of District school commissioners, establish schools of different grades, or the school district may be divided, and whenever the average attendance in any school for any two consecutive terms is less than ten pupils, then said school may be closed by the Board of county school commissioners; provided, that the Board of District school commissioners may keep the school open in part at the expense of the district, and shall receive their proportion of the school fund for said school, rating a full school at twenty scholars.

Sec. 6. Public examinations shall be held in each school twice a year, of which due notice shall be given, that the parents and others interested in education may attend.

Sec. 7. Schools shall be kept open each week day except Saturday, for six hours, and the hours for teaching shall be regulated by the several Boards of county school commissioners.

Sec. 8. Any person who shall disturb any district school in session, shall, upon conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace, forfeit and pay twenty dollars, to be collected as other taxes, and shall be liable to imprisonment for ten days.

Sec. 9. The school year shall be divided into four terms, which shall be designated the Fall term, winter term, spring term, and summer term, and the time of beginning and closing each term shall be regulated by the Board of county school commissioners; provided, that the financial reports to the schools of the State shall be made up and rendered to the thirtieth day of September, inclusive, of each and every year; and provided further, that there shall be no change in or enlargement upon the holidays and vacation set forth and established in the following paragraph:

The month of August shall be vacation throughout the whole State, and the following days shall be holidays, viz:—Thanksgiving Day, from Christmas Eve to the first day of January inclusive, Washington's Birthday, the fourth day of

July, from the Friday before Easter to the Monday after Easter inclusive, and the Monday of Whitsunday, and the remaining month of the vacation shall be used and designated by the Board of county school commissioners to subserve the convenience and advantage of their respective counties. In case it may be necessary to open school for a fraction of a term, it shall close at the end of term, and accounts shall be settled at the meeting of the Board of county school commissioners, held at the close of the term.

#### CHAPTER VIII.

##### Teachers.

Sec. 1. No person shall be employed as a teacher under this law, unless such person shall hold a certificate of qualification, issued by the Examiner of the county in which he or she proposes to teach, or of the Principal of the State Normal School, a diploma as graduate of said Normal school, or certificate from the Board of State school commissioners as herebefore provided.

Sec. 2. Teachers shall be appointed by the Board of District school commissioners, and may be removed at any time said Board may think proper, after thirty days' notice.

Sec. 3. Teachers shall enter into registers prepared for that purpose, an accurate account of the attendance of pupils, of text books used, and branches taught, and such other statistics as may be required, and make due return thereof to the Board of county school commissioners at the end of each term, and no teacher shall be entitled to receive payment for services until the register properly filled up and completed be so returned; their reports shall be filed by the said Board for the purpose of making the annual returns to the Board of State school commissioners.

Sec. 4. The Board of County School Commissioners shall examine any charge preferred against the moral character of any teacher within their county. They shall give the teacher reasonable notice of the charge in writing, and an opportunity to defend himself, and if the charge be sustained, they shall annul the teacher's certificate, and shall give notice thereof to the Board of State School Commissioners; provided, that an appeal shall lie to the Board of State School Commissioners, whose decision shall be final.

Sec. 5. Any person holding a first grade teacher's certificate, or the diploma of a respectable College or of a State Normal School, who has been a teacher for seven years, of which five shall have been spent in the State of Maryland, may apply to the Board of State School Commissioners for a life certificate, which, if granted, shall exempt him from any further examination by said Board at any time on account of immoral or unprofessional conduct.

Sec. 6. The salaries of teachers of each county shall be fixed by the Board of County School Commissioners.

#### CHAPTER IX.

##### Pupils.

Sec. 1. All white youth between the ages of six and twenty-one years, shall be admitted into the public schools of the State, the studies of which they may be able to pursue; provided, that whenever there are graded schools, the teachers and Board of District School Commissioners shall determine to which school pupils shall be admitted.

Sec. 2. The Board of District School Commissioners shall have power to suspend and expel pupils for cause; provided, that an appeal shall lie to the Board of County School Commissioners, whose decision shall be final.

Sec. 3. Children living remote from the school of the district in which they reside, may attend school in an adjoining district with the consent of the Boards of the respective school districts.

Sec. 4. Every child, before it is admitted to any public school, shall produce a certificate from a regular physician that it has been properly vaccinated.

#### CHAPTER X.

##### Text Books.

Sec. 1. School books shall contain nothing of a sectarian or partisan character.

Sec. 2. Each Board of County School Commissioners shall adopt and purchase the text books for their respective counties, but no change shall be made in the text books at present use or hereafter introduced, without having examined such books as may be recommended by the Board of County School Commissioners, whose duty is hereby made to present a list of books to the several Boards of County School Commissioners, with their written reasons for such recommendations.

Sec. 3. The Board of County School Commissioners shall authorize the delivery of books and stationery to the various schools in the county, under such rules and regulations as they may adopt. No pupil shall be required to pay more than one dollar quarterly for use of said books and stationery, but any pupil, on account of pecuniary inability may be exempted from paying by the Board of District School Commissioners; provided, nevertheless, that parents or pupils may purchase their own books whenever they may think proper.

Sec. 4. The Board of County School Commissioners shall keep an account of the books and stationery delivered to the several schools in their respective districts, and file their receipts for the same.

#### CHAPTER XI.

##### County Examiner.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the

County Examiner to examine candidates for the profession of teaching, in the presence of at least one member of the Board of County School Commissioners, or one or more of the District School Commissioners, and to give to such persons as are found qualified under the sanction of the Board at its next meeting, a certificate setting forth the branches such persons are competent to teach, but no certificate shall be granted without satisfactory evidence of the moral character of the applicant.

Sec. 2. The certificate issued by each registered in a book kept by the Board of County School Commissioners, and be delivered to their successors in office, and shall be denominated first or second grade as the case may be, and the Board of State School Commissioners shall keep a book in the same manner as the County Examiners. Certificates of the first grade shall embrace, Orthography, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, History, English Grammar, Book-Keeping, Algebra and Natural Philosophy; and the second grade shall embrace, Orthography, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, History and English Grammar.

Sec. 3. No certificate of qualification as a teacher shall be issued to any male under sixteen years of age, or to a female under seventeen years of age.

Sec. 4. No certificate shall continue in force longer than three years, except herein provided for.

Sec. 5. The County Examiner shall hold regular examinations of teachers at each quarterly meeting, and at such other times as the Board may direct, of which due notice shall be given in the newspapers or otherwise. No Examiner shall be allowed to charge any fees for the issuing of certificates to teachers, and if any Examiner shall be found guilty of charging or receiving any fee or reward, directly or indirectly, for issuing any certificate to a teacher, he shall be dismissed from office.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the County Examiner or his assistant, at least three times in each school year, to visit the schools in his or her county if it contains fifty schools or less, and twice a year in counties having more than fifty schools; he shall observe the method of the teacher and give him such practical suggestions as the circumstances may prompt; he shall, whenever possible, attend public examinations and report quarterly in detail the result of his observations to the Board of County School Commissioners.

Sec. 7. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of County School Commissioners shall give bond to the State of Maryland with at least two sureties, to be approved by the said Board, in such penal sum as the said Board shall determine, with the condition that he will faithfully perform the duties of Secretary and Treasurer, pay over and apply all moneys that shall come to his hands or care as Treasurer, to such persons and in such manner as the said Board may direct, under the provisions of this Act, direct, and that he will keep a full account of all moneys received and paid by him, and of all matters relating to the duties of his office, and preserve the same, and all vouchers relating thereto, and deliver up all books and vouchers relating to his office to his successor, which said bond when executed, shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court for the county. He shall be present at every meeting of the Board, and may debate any question before them, but shall have no vote. He shall keep the minutes and conduct the correspondence; keep all letters, reports and other papers pertaining to the business of the Board; he shall prepare and submit to the Board for their adoption the annual report to the Board of State School Commissioners.

Sec. 8. The person or persons acting as Secretary, Treasurer and Examiner, under the provisions of this Act, shall devote their whole time to public school business, and shall receive such compensation as the Board of County School Commissioners may direct.

Sec. 9. The Examiner of each county shall, on or before the fifteenth day of January in every year, notify the Comptroller how many months the schools in his counties have been kept open.

#### CHAPTER XII.

##### State Normal School.

Sec. 1. There shall be located in the City of Baltimore a State Normal School for the inspection and practice of teachers in the science of education, the art of teaching and the mode of governing schools. It shall be under the control of the Board of State School Commissioners, who shall appoint a Principal at a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum; the Principal of the Normal School shall not vote upon subject of his appointment or removal.

Sec. 2. The sessions of the State Normal School shall otherwise provided for by the State shall be held in such building as the Board of State School Commissioners may select, the rent to be paid out of the fund provided for its maintenance.

Sec. 3. The Faculty of the State Normal School shall consist of the Principal and two male and two female professors, who shall be appointed by the Board of State School Commissioners, and have such salaries and perform such duties as said Board may direct.

Sec. 4. The sessions of the State Normal School shall determine by the Board of State school commissioners; provided,

that the school shall be open for not less than nine months each year.

Sec. 5. Students of both sexes shall be admitted to the State Normal School, females at the age of sixteen years, and males at the age of seventeen years. The students shall be apportioned by the Board of State school commissioners among the several counties and the city of Baltimore in proportion to their respective representation in the General Assembly of the State. The students shall be selected by the several Boards of county school commissioners, and the Board of Baltimore from among persons having the scholastic qualifications herebefore required for teachers. Before any appointment shall be made, the applicants shall procure the certificate of the County Examiner or the City Superintendent, in testimony of their scholastic proficiency, and shall also file a written declaration that their object in obtaining admission is to qualify themselves as public school teachers, and that it is their intention to engage in the profession of teaching within the State, and in case any students shall fail to fulfill the condition upon which they were admitted, they shall forfeit and pay thirty dollars for each session they have attended the Normal School, to be collected as other debts are collected, and to be applied for the benefit of the Normal school. If there be not applicants sufficient from any county or the city, then the Board of State school commissioners may fill all vacancies by selecting applicants possessing the requisite qualifications, from any other portion of the State in the proportion aforesaid.

Sec. 6. In addition to the students admitted from the counties and the city of Baltimore, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the school and be furnished the use of the text books free of charge, there may be admitted in the proportion of one to two of the scholars selected by the Board of county and county school commissioners, other persons having the requisite qualifications, who shall pay the sum of twenty-five dollars per session, and purchase their own text books, and be subject in every respect to the same rules and regulations as the other students sent by the State shall not exceed two hundred, and as long as this number is not exceeded by the State, or after it shall have been reached by the State, all remaining vacancies may be filled by paying scholars to the full capacity of the school.

Sec. 7. The Board of State school commissioners shall prescribe the course of study, and supervise the school in every particular not provided for in this law; they shall make provision for model and experimental Primary and Grammar schools under qualified teachers, in which the students of the Normal School shall have opportunity to practice the modes of instruction and discipline inculcated in the Normal school. The salary of the teachers of the model and experimental schools shall be paid in part from the tuition fees derived from the pupils of said model schools.

Sec. 8. The annual sum of ninety-five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the support of the Normal school, to be paid in quarterly installments by the Treasurer on the warrant of the Comptroller, to the Board of State school Commissioners, and to be applied to the payment of teachers' salaries and the purchase of educational apparatus, for the salary of the Principal of the Normal school, for text books, stationery, fuel, light and other incidental expenses of the school.

Sec. 9. All donations or bequests of money or personal property, and all grants or devises of lands for the benefit of the State Normal school shall be held in trust by the Board of State school commissioners.

Sec. 10. The Board of State school commissioners shall, on or before the fifteenth day of January in each and every year, make a report to the Governor of the schools of the State; a statement of the appropriation of money to the county and the city of Baltimore for the support of schools, an abstract of the reports received from the Board of county school commissioners, together with such suggestions for the improvement of schools and the advancement of public education as the Board of State school commissioners shall deem expedient.

Sec. 11. And the Governor shall cause three thousand copies of said report to be printed and distributed to the members of the Legislature in those years in which there is no session of the Legislature.

#### CHAPTER XIII.

##### Teachers' Institute.

Sec. 1. A Teachers' Institute, to continue five days, shall be held during vacation, in each county, once a year, and the county Examiner shall be present, and shall give such instructions to the teachers each day.

Sec. 2. The Principal of the State Normal school shall fix the time of the meeting of the Institute, and it shall be the duty of the county Examiner to notify each teacher of the time and place of meeting.

Sec. 3. These institutes being designed as temporary Normal schools shall be provided over by the Principal or one of the Professors of the State Normal school, if he can be present, assisted by the county school commissioners who may choose to attend.

Sec. 4. The President of the Board of county school commissioners shall select the place of meeting.

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Examiner and any member of the Board of County School Commissioners.