

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the General Assembly, that there be conducted a survey of the entire educational field in this State, with the idea that the State receive an adequate return from its appropriations in aid of education; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland,* That the Governor of the State of Maryland be and he is hereby authorized and empowered and directed to appoint a Commission of three members to make a survey of the public schools, normal schools, the elementary and secondary schools, the academies and colleges, agricultural and professional and other higher institutions of learning, receiving aid from the State of Maryland to study the administration of the said institutions, to consider the appropriations made therefor, to investigate the use of the funds so appropriated, to study the educational system of the State of Maryland, and said Commission is hereby directed to report its findings, with recommendations to the Governor; which report shall be transmitted by the Governor to the General Assembly at its session of 1916.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That no member of such Commission shall be compensated for his services, but each member shall be paid his necessary traveling expenses incurred in attending meetings or in performing other duties incidental to the work of the Commission.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commission shall have the power to arrange the organization and equipment of the survey in such manner as may seem to it best, employ and fix the compensation of investigators and other employees required for the efficient conduct of the work, and call to its assistance any expert help that may be available either from public or private foundations. It shall have power to purchase books, maps, and other helps required, prepare and print blanks for information or guidance of its work, and in general make any provisions for the work that may be necessary.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commission shall have the use of the office and officers of the State Board of Education so far as this may be necessary; shall have free access to all public records necessary to the carrying out of the duties herein prescribed; and all school commissioners, superintendents, teachers and other officers connected with the school system or with any elementary, secondary, or normal school, or any other educational institution receiving State aid, shall give such assistance to the Commission as may be required of it.