

That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars per annum, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the provisions of this Act. Appropriation.

59. The Board of Public School Commissioners of Baltimore City and each Board of County School Commissioners shall adopt and purchase text-books for use in the public schools of said city and of the several counties of the State, as such new text-books are required, and when so purchased the necessary text-books shall be furnished free of cost for use in the public schools of the State, subject to the order of said boards; but said boards shall have the right at any time to change any series of text-books already in use or hereafter adopted; provided, that text-books shall be furnished under the provisions of this Act to the several grades in the public schools successively, beginning with the first grade; and provided, that the said board shall not be required to expend during any school year for said text-books more than the several amounts of money received by said boards respectively, under the provisions of this Act; and provided, that indigent pupils of all grades shall receive text-books free of cost, as provided under provisions of existing laws; and provided, the said respective boards shall adopt means for the purchase of text-books by competitive bidding, and at the lowest possible price; and provided, that parents or pupils may purchase their own text-books when they may think proper; and provided further, that the several Boards of County School Commissioners shall furnish annually to the State Board of Education the title, the name of the publisher and the net price paid for each text-book so purchased, which information shall be set forth in full in the annual report made to the State Board of Education. Proviso.

61. The said several boards shall keep an account of all moneys expended under the provisions of this Act, and report the same in the annual financial account, as required by law; and no money so received by them shall ever be used for any other purpose than for the purchase of school books, as provided by the two preceding sections; except in such counties where there may remain a surplus after the purchase of necessary text-books, the boards may expend such surplus amounts in the purchase of maps of the State of Maryland and supplementary reading books for pupils. Account of moneys expended.