

join, with the approval of the State Superintendent of Schools in the employment of at least one primary grade supervisor, subject to and under the foregoing conditions.

(2) There shall be appointed in each county at least one attendance officer, whose duty it shall be to compel the regular attendance of children at school. Such person shall receive such compensation as the County Board of Education shall direct, provided that the appointment of any person as an attendance officer shall be invalid without the written approval of State Superintendent of Schools. And provided further, that no attendance officer appointed under the provision of this Section or continued in office under the provision of this Section, shall be paid an annual salary of less than six hundred (\$600.00) dollars, and the State of Maryland shall pay, as hereinafter provided, out of the General State School Fund to the Treasurer of County Board of Education one-half of the annual salary of one attendance officer, up to and including an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00). County Boards of Education are free to employ as many additional attendance officers as in their judgment are necessary, subject to the approval of the State Superintendent of Schools, but the State shall not share in the payment of their salaries. Provided the State Board of Education in its discretion may excuse any County from employing an attendance officer and may designate the County Superintendent of Schools, the primary supervisor or the statistical clerk to perform the duties of the attendance officer, and when so designated the proportional part allowed each County for salary for such work shall be used for general school purposes.

(3) There shall be employed in each County at least one statistical and stenographic clerk.

(4) And such other clerical, statistical and stenographic assistants and such other professional assistants, assistant superintendents, supervisors, attendance officers, medical inspectors and school nurses as the County Board of Education shall authorize; provided, that no professional assistant shall be appointed who does not hold the appropriate certificate issued by the State Superintendent of Schools, and the appointment of no professional assistant shall be valid without the written approval of the State Superintendent of Schools.\*

See notes to this section in volume 2 of the Annotated Code.

1904, art. 77, sec. 70. 1888, art. 77, sec. 64. 1872, ch. 377. 1894, ch. 378.  
1918, ch. 506, sec. 74.

**74.** The county board of education shall provide the office of the county superintendent of schools with ample, convenient and comfortable quarters, and with adequate clerical equipment; and the county superintendent of schools and his professional assistants shall be pro-

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\*Section 2 of the act of 1918, chapter 494, repeals all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with said act of 1918, to the extent of such inconsistency.