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 that 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 supervising teacher or the helping teacher to perform the duties of the attendance officer, and when so designated the amount allowed each county 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, supervising teachers, helping teachers, 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.

The board of county commissioners of each county shall levy sufficient funds to meet the scale of salaries provided for in this section and shall not deny any part of the amount requested for any one school year by the county board of education to be raised by local taxation for the payment of the salaries of the professional and clerical assistants of the county superintendent; and the salary of no supervising teacher, helping teacher, or attendance officer, regularly employed at the time this section (as re-enacted in 1922) goes into effect, shall be diminished by reason of any of its provisions, but they shall be entitled to any increase in salary that may herein be granted from the time this section (as reenacted in 1922) goes into effect.

A by-law adopted by the state board under sec. 11, construed in connection with this section. School Commissioners v. Wagaman, 84 Md. 161.

An. Code, sec. 74. 1904, sec. 70. 1888, sec. 64. 1872, ch. 377. 1894, ch. 378. 1916, ch. 506, sec. 74. 1922, ch. 382, sec. 74.

146. 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 provided with such means of transportation as are necessary for the effective and efficient performance of their official duties. They shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary traveling and other expenses and disbursements incurred or made by them in the performance of their official duties, and no part of the traveling or personal expenses of the county superintendent and his professional assistants incurred in the performance of their official duties shall be included in or counted as a part of their annual salary.

The board of county commissioners of each county shall not deny any part of the amount requested for any one school year by the county board