

make and administer plans for carrying out the purposes of said Title insofar as the same may be applicable to the State of Maryland. Said commission is hereby authorized and directed to make any and all appointments of personnel on the basis of merit and efficiency and without regard to political considerations, under the provisions of the State Merit System Law, provided, that this provision shall not apply to the members of the Maryland Public Library Advisory Commission, but only to employees thereof. The State Treasurer is hereby designated as the recipient of and trustee for funds apportioned to this State by the Federal Government under the provisions of said Title. The State Auditor shall provide an adequate system of auditing the accounts of the said commission and shall audit the expenditure of funds received through the provisions of said Title and apportioned to libraries and library services. The said commission is further authorized and directed to devise and put into operation an adequate system of reports from libraries and library services, to said commission relative to the use of the funds so apportioned. The said commission shall make such reports to the United States Commissioner of Education with respect to the expenditure of funds received through said Title and the progress of library service in such form and containing such information as the said commissioner may require. Said commission shall prepare and file with the United States Commissioner of Education a plan for apportioning or distributing the funds in such manner as will effectively lessen inequalities of opportunity for library service; such plan to provide for maintenance of a cooperative and integrated system of library service throughout the State, for suitable cooperative arrangements with school systems, cooperative agricultural extension services and other appropriate agencies, and if separate library services are maintained in this State for separate races, for an equitable apportionment of such funds for library services for separate races. Upon the passage of this Act said commission is authorized and directed to transmit to the United States Commissioner of Education official notice of acceptance of said Title by the State of Maryland, together with certified copies of this Act. Said commission is hereby authorized and directed to take such further steps as may be necessary to qualify Maryland as an accepting State under the provisions of Title III aforesaid.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 171. 1912, sec. 103. 1904, secs. 113 and 114. 1902, ch. 247, secs. 4 and 5. 1910, ch. 505, sec. 98 (p. 222).

166. Said commission shall organize and conduct traveling libraries throughout the State, shall formulate such reasonable regulations for the use and care of the books of such traveling libraries as they may deem proper; and shall from time to time send out and distribute such books throughout the State, and at suitable intervals change such distributions so as to secure the greatest advantage.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 173. 1912, sec. 105. 1910, ch. 505, sec. 100 (p. 222).

167. Said commission, upon application of the library directors of a county, municipality or election district which has complied with the provisions of this law relative to the establishment of such library may expend not more than one hundred dollars for books, to be selected and purchased by said commission and delivered to said directors for the purpose of establishing a free public library.