

history of Maryland, vocal music, drawing, physiology, laws of health and domestic economy, civil government; and the elements of agricultural science may, in the discretion of the State board of education, be added to the branches required to be taught in the State normal schools and in the public schools of the various counties of the State.

1888, art. 77, sec. 40. 1886, ch. 495 1904, ch. 584.

44. The nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics, with special instruction as to their effects upon the human system, in connection with the several divisions of the subject of physiology and hygiene, shall be included in the branches of study taught in the common schools, and shall be taught to and studied by all pupils whose capacity will admit of it, in all departments of the public schools of the State, and in all educational institutions supported wholly or in part by money from the State; and said study shall be taught and studied by pupils in said schools as thoroughly and in the same manner as other like branches are there taught and studied, with text-books in hands of pupils, where other like branches are thus studied.

Ibid. sec. 41. 1886, ch. 495.

45. It shall be the duty of boards of county school commissioners, and of the board of commissioners of public schools of Baltimore city, county examiners, superintendents of public schools of Baltimore city, and boards of all educational institutions receiving aid from the State to enforce the provisions of the preceding section.

Ibid. sec. 42. 1872, ch. 377. 1892, ch. 538. 1904, ch. 584.

46. Whenever a school numbers more than forty children in the average attendance, an assistant may be employed by the board of county school commissioners, in their discretion; and for every additional forty children, one teacher may be appointed.

Ibid. sec. 43. 1872, ch. 377. 1894, ch. 459. 1904, ch. 584.

47. Whenever the average attendance in any school for any two consecutive terms is less than ten pupils, the said school may be closed by the board of county school commissioners; provided, that the board of district school trustees may keep the school open in part at the expense of the district, and shall receive their proportion of the school fund for said school, rating a full school at twenty scholars.