

attending meetings of the board or in attending to its necessary business shall be paid, and the treasurer of the State is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the president of said board such sums not exceeding five hundred dollars in the aggregate in any one year as he may demand for such necessary expenses. And the said board shall further be allowed a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars to be used for the printing of its report and for the purchase of such stationery and supplies as it may need.

1900, ch. 679, sec. 4. 1904, ch. 540, sec. 5.

4. The board shall hold regular meetings quarterly and may hold adjourned, special or called meetings at any time in such places within this State as may seem to it convenient and expedient. It shall investigate and consider the whole system of State aid to public and other institutions receiving aid in this State. To this end it shall have power to make an investigation at any time into the condition and management of any institution financially aided by this State, and may demand such information, statistical or otherwise, as it may desire from the officers, directors or employes of such institutions; or it may direct such an investigation to be made by a committee of its members or by its secretary. Within one week after the convening of every regular session of the General Assembly it shall furnish to the chairman of the finance committee of the senate and the ways and means committee of the house of delegates a printed report of the condition of all the institutions receiving financial aid from this State, and shall further make such recommendations as to the appropriations for such institutions as may seem wise and for the best interests of this State, giving the reasons for such recommendations as fully as may be practicable.

Ibid. sec. 6. Ibid. sec. 6.

5. The board shall appoint a competent person to act as its secretary, who shall be paid for his services such compensation not exceeding eighteen hundred dollars in any one year, as may be agreed upon by the board. The secretary shall also be allowed the reasonable rental of an office not to exceed four hundred dollars a year and his reasonable traveling expenses in attending to his duties; provided, that in no case shall the total expenditure of the board and its secretary exceed the amount appropriated to it each year. The said board shall