

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Board of County School Commissioners of any County in the State, may, in its discretion, appoint one or more school physicians and assign one to any public school within the limits of such County, and shall provide such school physicians, when so appointed, with proper facilities for the performance of their duties, as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That school physicians appointed as outlined in Section 1, shall be physicians legally qualified to practice medicine in this State who have had at least two years' experience in the practice of their profession.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That every school physician so appointed shall make a prompt examination of all children referred to him, as hereinafter provided, and such further examination of teachers, janitors, and school buildings, as in his opinion the protection of the health of the pupils may require. He shall return promptly to the authorities appointing him, on blanks furnished as hereinafter provided, the results of his examinations.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the superintendent, principal or teacher of any school to which a school physician has been assigned, as hereinafter provided, shall refer to such physician every child returning to school without a permit from the health officer or Board of Health, after absence on account of illness or from unknown cause, and every child attending such school, who appears to be in ill health, or is suspected to be sick with any contagious or infectious disease, unless such child is immediately excluded from school, under the provisions of the general statutes or the sanitary regulations in force in said town or district; provided, that in the case of schools in remote and isolated locations the school authorities may make such other arrangements as may be advisable to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the Board of County School Commissioners of any County, which has appointed one or more school physicians, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall cause every child attending the public schools therein to be separately and carefully tested and examined at least once in every two years to ascertain whether such child is suffering with defective sight or hearing, or from any other physical disability tending to prevent such child from receiving the full benefit of school work, or requiring modification of such school