

time, as it may be deemed wise, bills, and to recommend the same to the Governor and the General Assembly, providing for changes in the appropriation for special educational purposes and activities and in the total amount raised and contributed by the State for the encouragement and support of public education.

17C. The state board of education shall submit each year on or before the first day of January, to the Governor an annual report covering all operations of the State department of education and the support, conditions, progress and needs of education throughout the State. Such annual report shall be printed in sufficient quantities for general distribution throughout the State.

17D. It shall be the duty of the state board of education to consider the educational needs of the State, and on and with the advice of the state superintendent of schools, to recommend to the Governor and to the General Assembly, such additional legislation, or changes in existing legislation, as may be deemed desirable. Such recommendations shall be in the form of prepared bills and shall be laid before the Governor and the General Assembly. The state board of education and the state superintendent of schools shall be given a hearing on the same by the committees of the Senate and the House of Delegates, to which such bills are referred, if this is requested.

17E. The state board of education shall perform such other duties as are assigned to them elsewhere in this article, or may be assigned to them from time to time by the General Assembly.

CHAPTER 3A.

The State Superintendent of Schools.

18. The state superintendent of schools shall be appointed by the state board of education for a term of four years and said board shall fix his salary and pay same from the appropriation for the expenses and maintenance of the State Department of Education. He shall be an experienced and competent educator; he shall be a graduate of a standard college, or the equivalent, have had not less than two years of special academic and professional graduate preparation in a standard university, or the equivalent, and not less than seven years experience in teaching and administration. Provided, that these qualifications shall not apply to the present incumbent of the office, nor