certificate of the first class and has taught in the public schools of the State of Maryland for a period of three years, such teacher shall receive a salary of not less than four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450) per school year. Provided, further, if such a teacher holds a first grade certificate of the first class and has taught in the public schools of Maryland for a period of five years, such teacher shall receive a salary of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) per school year. And provided, further, if such a teacher holds a first grade certificate of the first class and has taught in the public schools of the State of Maryland for a period of eight years, such a teacher shall receive a salary of not less than five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550) per school year.

The boards of county commissioners of each county shall levy sufficient funds to meet the scale of salaries provided for in this section; and the salary of no teacher regularly employed at the time this section goes into effect shall be diminished by reason of any of its provisions, but every teacher shall be entitled to any increase in salary that may herein be granted, from the time this section goes into effect.

Whenever any person in this State has taught in any of the public or normal schools thereof twenty-five years, and has reached the age of sixty years, and his or her record as such teacher has been without reproach, and by reason of physical or mental disability or infirmity is unable to teach longer, and who, moreover, is without the means of comfortable support, such person may lay his or her case before the state superintendent of schools, supported by the recommendation of the county board of education of the county in which such person has last taught, and the state superintendent of schools shall proceed to consider the same, and if the facts are found as above stated such person shall be placed on a list, to be known as the "Teachers' Retired List," and every person so placed on this list shall be entitled to receive a pension from the State of two hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly by the Treasurer of the State Board of Education, so long as such pensioner is without other means of comfortable support, and the state superintendent of schools may in extraordinary cases waive the age limit as herein designated. Provided, however, the applicant has all the other qualifications as herein specified. The treasurer of the state board of education shall, on or before the last day of September, December, March and June of each year, certify to the Comptroller the sum of money neces-