

several grades in the public schools; thereafter supplementary readers, materials of instruction, stationery and school supplies shall be furnished in adequate quantities to the several grades in the public schools, provided that parents or pupils may purchase their text-books, stationery and school supplies, if they desire to do so. The said respective boards shall adopt means for the purchase of text-books, supplementary readers, materials of instruction, stationery and school supplies by competitive bidding, and at the lowest possible price consistent with quality, and each of said boards shall furnish annually to the state superintendents of schools the title, the name of the publisher, and the net price of each text book and supplementary reader purchased under the provisions of this article.

69. The said several boards shall authorize the delivery, subject to the provisions of this article, of text-books, supplementary readers, materials of instruction, stationery and school supplies, and shall provide for the issuing, safekeeping and care of the same under such rules and regulations as they may severally adopt.

70. The said several boards shall keep a separate account of all money received from the State for the purchase of text books, supplementary readers, materials of instruction, stationery and school supplies and of all money expended for such purposes. They shall report the same annually to the state superintendent of schools and in their annual report addressed to the people required by law. No money received from the State for the purchase of text books, supplementary readers, materials of instruction, stationery and school supplies shall ever be used for any other purpose or spent in any other way than provided for in the two preceding sections.

71. The entire sum appropriated by the General Assembly for the purchase of text books, supplementary readers, material of instruction, stationery and school supplies, shall be annually apportioned on or before the last day of September by the Comptroller to the board of public school commissioners of the City of Baltimore and to the county boards of education of each of the several counties according to and on the basis of the average enrollment in the public schools of the City of Baltimore, and of each of the several counties during the preceding school year as certified to by the state superintendent of schools, and the Comptroller shall on or before the first day