

his office a statement that the child can read intelligently and write legibly simple sentences in the English language.

Section 15. The person authorized to issue a vacation employment certificate shall not issue such certificate until the child in question has personally appeared before said person authorized to issue said certificates, and until said person so authorized has received and approved the following papers duly executed, viz:

(1) Evidence of age, showing that said child is twelve years or upwards, which evidence of age, shall consist of A, B or C, as set forth in section 13 above, or in lieu of said evidence A, B or C, in case they cannot be presented, a statement from a regular physician designated by said person authorized to issue said certificate, certifying that he has examined said child and that in his opinion said child is of the age of twelve years or upward, together with the affidavit of the parent, guardian, legal custodian or next friend of such child, that such child is above the age of twelve years.

(2) A statement from a regular physician designated as above, certifying that he has examined said child, and that in his opinion said child is physically able to undertake the work for which said certificate is to be issued.

Section 16. All employment certificates shall be issued on forms supplied by the Bureau of Statistics and Information. All certificates issued in Baltimore City shall be in duplicate and one copy shall be retained in the files of said Bureau for the period of four years from the date of issue. All certificates issued in any of the counties of Maryland shall be made out in duplicate and one copy shall be delivered by the person issuing said certificate to the Bureau of Statistics and Information and shall be preserved in the files of said Bureau for the period of four years from the date of said issue; and the person issuing said certificate in any of the said counties, shall also make a record of each application for any employment certificate upon blanks furnished by said Bureau, and shall preserve same for a period of four years from the date of application. Whenever a certificate shall be refused to any child, a statement of the name and address of said child, together with the reasons for the refusal of said certificate and the school which said child should attend, shall be forwarded by the person refusing to issue said certificate to the county superintendent of schools of the county in which said child resides, if the child resides in one of the counties of this State, and to the