

to public high schools when such transportation is approved by the State Superintendent of Schools; provided, that the Board of County Commissioners of each of the several counties sharing in the Equalization Fund shall levy and collect an annual tax for the schools of not less than fifty-one (51) cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessable property, exclusive of the amount levied for debt service and capital outlay for the schools; provided, further that in any county, all funds which the County Board of Education may be authorized to expend for the schools, other than State appropriations, and exclusive of the amount authorized to be expended for debt service and capital outlay, may, for the purposes of the above proviso, be considered as levied by the Board of County Commissioners, irrespective of the source or sources from which such funds may be derived; and provided, further, that the County Board of Education in each of the several counties sharing in the Equalization Fund shall expend no less than twenty-four per centum (24%) of the total budget, not including costs of transportation as authorized in this section, debt service and capital outlay, for purposes other than teacher's salaries. But no special appropriation to any county, except as heretofore in this section provided, or to any academy, or to any college or university may be paid from the General State School Fund.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1939.

Approved May 24, 1939.

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CHAPTER 515.

(House Bill 420)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), titled "Merit System", said new section to be known as Section 2A to follow immediately after Section 2 of said Article, to take out of the Classified Service of the State certain employees covered into said Service by Executive Order.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and is hereby added to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), titled "Merit System", said new section to be known as Section 2A