

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 170 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1924 Edition, title "Public Education", sub-title "Public Libraries" be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

170. Said commission shall give advice and counsel to all public libraries and public school libraries in the State and to all persons proposing to establish them, as to the best means of their establishment and maintenance, the selection of books, cataloguing and other details of management. Said commission shall annually report to the governor in the month of November, a full and complete account of its doings and of its receipts and expenditures. Said commission is hereby granted power and authority to accept on behalf of the State appropriations of money from the Federal Government, or any agency thereof, made pursuant to the provisions and purposes of any Act of Congress heretofore or hereafter enacted, and especially from an Act of the Seventy-six Congress enacting the provisions of H R 3517 or S. 1305, known as the "Federal Aid to Education Act of 1939"; and the State of Maryland hereby expressly accepts the provisions of Title III of said Act as provided in Section 301 hereof. Said commission is hereby vested with the power and authority to make and administer plans for carrying out the purposes of said Title insofar as the same may be applicable to the State of Maryland. Said commission is hereby authorized and directed to make any and all appointments of personnel on the basis of merit and efficiency and without regard to political considerations, under the provisions of the State Merit System Law, provided, that this provision shall not apply to the members of the Maryland Public Library Advisory Commission, but only to employees thereof. The State Treasurer is hereby designated as the recipient of and trustee for funds apportioned to this State by the Federal Government under the provisions of said Title. The State Auditor shall provide an adequate system of auditing the accounts of the said commission and shall audit the expenditure of funds received through the provisions of said Title and apportioned to libraries and library services. The said commission is further authorized and directed to devise and put into operation an adequate system of reports from libraries and library services, to said commission relative to the use of the funds so apportioned. The said commission shall make such reports to the United States Commissioner of Education with respect to the expenditure of funds received through said Title and the progress of library service in