

of Education shall notify the said County Commissioners of Washington County of the sum or sums of money then due, and shall accompany said written notification with the certificate of the supervising architect that the work and labor have been performed and materials furnished according to the terms of the contract, and that said sums of money are due and payable, the said County Commissioners of Washington County shall pay to the said Board of Education out of the School Improvement Fund, the said sum of money so certified to be due and payable, not exceeding, however, the total amount then held in the School Improvement Fund.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the County Commissioners of Washington County and the Board of Education of Washington County are hereby authorized and empowered to accept from any Federal or State agency grants for, or in aid of the construction, alteration, reconditioning, furnishing and equipping of school buildings in said Washington County and the erection of additions thereto, including the purchase of land, and to make such contracts containing such terms, provisions and conditions as in the discretion of said County Commissioners or said Board of Education, as the case may be, may seem necessary, proper and advisable for the purpose of obtaining or securing grants or financial assistance from any Federal or State agency willing to extend the same in furtherance of the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of this Act shall be construed as additional and supplementary to and not in substitution for or in conflict with any of the provisions of the General Laws of this State relating to public schools and the powers of the State Superintendent of Schools, in regard to the plans, construction and erection of public school buildings.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That Chapter 1075 of the Acts of 1945 be and it is hereby repealed.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved June 1, 1948.