

Baltimore City on the basis of classroom units in operation, with certain limitations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section be added to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Ed.), title "Public Education," sub-title "Source and Distribution of Income," to follow immediately after Section 199 of said Article, and to be known as Section 199A, said new Section to read as follows:

199A. The Board of Education of each County and the City of Baltimore shall be entitled to, and shall be paid, each year in the manner and subject to the limitations hereinafter provided, One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) or such sum in excess thereof as may be provided in the budget, for each classroom unit in operation in such County or City, respectively, for which a separate teacher is employed, provided that the financial assistance herein authorized shall not be available or given to any County or to Baltimore City wherein any teacher receives a salary lower than that established by Section 93 of this Article; and provided further that if in any County or the City of Baltimore the number of classroom units in operation shall exceed the number of teachers required or permitted by Sections 79, 189 and 229 of this Article, no classroom unit in excess of the number of such teachers so required or permitted shall be counted or used as a basis or measure of the grant of financial assistance hereby authorized.

On or before the first day of October, January, March and June, the State Superintendent of Schools shall certify to the Comptroller one-fourth of the annual sum due the County Board of Education of each County and of the City of Baltimore hereunder, and thereupon the Comptroller shall draw his warrant on the Treasurer of the State of Maryland for the respective amounts due to the said Boards of Education, and the Treasurer of the State of Maryland, upon receipt of said warrants shall immediately pay the amount due on said dates to said respective Boards of Education.

Provided, however, that the payments authorized herein to be made for the next two fiscal years, beginning July 1, 1945 and July 1, 1946, respectively, shall be conditioned upon the maintenance by the Counties and by the City of Baltimore of not less than the amounts now being appropriated for school purposes, it being the intention that the salaries of school teachers be not decreased during the fiscal years above stated.