

by the General Assembly, to aid in support of public schools, shall constitute what shall be known as the General State School Fund. The Comptroller shall charge against and pay as hereinbefore or hereinafter provided from the General State School Fund, the annual appropriation made by the General Assembly for the support of the State Department of Education, including the expenses of the State Board of Education, and the support and expenses of the office of the State Superintendent of Schools; the annual appropriation for the maintenance and support of the State Teachers College at Towson, of the State Teachers College at Frostburg, of the State Teachers College at Salisbury, and of the State Teachers College at Bowie, the annual appropriation for the Maryland Teachers Retirement System; the annual appropriation for State aid to approved high schools; the annual appropriation for part-payment by the State of the salaries of county superintendents and of the superintendent of schools of Baltimore City, and of supervising teachers or helping teachers, in each of the several counties and the City of Baltimore; the annual appropriation for payment by the State of the entire salary of one attendance officer in each of the several counties and the City of Baltimore; the annual appropriation for the purchase of text books, materials of instruction and school supplies; the annual appropriation for the education of handicapped children; the annual appropriations for administration and supervision of vocational education in public high and vocational schools, for physical education and recreation, for medical examinations of teachers, for case and guidance service for handicapped individuals needing vocational rehabilitation, for equivalence examinations; and the annual appropriation per classroom unit as required in this Article; such special appropriations to be known as an Equalization Fund, as may from time to time, be made by Budget Bill or Supplementary Appropriation Bill, to the county boards of education of certain counties to enable them to pay the minimum salaries prescribed in this Article for county superintendents, supervising teachers and helping teachers, high school and elementary school teachers, and teachers in colored schools, and the necessary costs of transporting pupils to public elementary schools and not less than one-half of the cost of transportation of pupils 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-six (56) 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