

for Senate Bill 48, pointing out that a commission soon is to be appointed to study financing and other problems of the public schools. I am confident that salary increments will be among the subjects which shall have its attention. Since this commission will be expected to make its report prior to the 1953 session of the Legislature, I see no reason for the haste in making this law for the following fiscal year effective at this time.

Senate Bill 7 is, therefore, vetoed.

Respectfully,

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN,

Governor

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Honorable George W. Della  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

I am returning Senate Bill 48 without my approval for the following reasons:

When the voters of Maryland, in 1948, approved an amendment to the Constitution, establishing annual sessions of the General Assembly, as submitted to them by the Legislature of 1947, it was with the clear understanding that all State appropriations would be made on an annual basis. This was, indeed, the primary purpose of the annual sessions and the primary argument for adoption of the amendment. Senate Bill 48, by proposing to increase the salaries of public school teachers in the fiscal year of 1954, for which the regular appropriations bill will not be submitted until the Legislature meets in 1953, seeks, in my opinion to circumvent the intent of the Constitutional Amendment.

Based on present estimates of revenue, Senate Bill 48 presupposes new taxes or a tax increase in Fiscal 1954 to meet the proposed salary increases. My policy, which I believe has rather general approval among the citizens of Maryland, continues to be one of avoiding any increase in the tax burden of our people.

My belief that any increases in the salaries of teachers in the public schools of the City of Baltimore and of the counties of Maryland should be provided by the county and city governments has not been altered.

Generally speaking, the counties and the city have met