

State fiscal years ending June 30, 1954 and June 30, 1955, each teacher and principal, not receiving a salary according to the schedules set forth in Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3 of this Act, shall be entitled to a salary increase of \$300.00 in the school year 1953-1954, in excess of the salary received at December 1, 1952 in accordance with such teacher's years of teaching experience, and shall be entitled to a further salary increase of \$300.00 in the school year 1954-1955, or a total increase of \$600. in excess of the salary received at December 1, 1952 in accordance with such teacher's years of teaching experience; provided, however, that such salary increase of \$300.00 in each such respective school year shall be paid only to the extent that it would not result in the salary received by any such teacher being in excess of the amounts as set forth in Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3 of this Act in accordance with the qualifications and teaching experience of any such teacher. Provided, further, that any County or Baltimore City may pay at its own expense salaries in excess of those provided in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That during the school years 1953-1954 and 1954-1955, being respectively in the State fiscal years ending on June 30, 1954 and June 30, 1955, no moneys shall be paid from the State Treasury to or on account of any of the Boards of Education of the counties of this State, or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, pursuant to the provisions of this Act, in any amount or amounts in excess of those to be paid according to the provisions of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), unless and until the State Comptroller and the State Department of Education shall have received satisfactory assurances from the Board of Education of each such political sub-division, respectively, that during the particular year it will pay the teachers therein according to a salary schedule which is not less in any particular than that paid by the political sub-division as of December 1, 1952. If the Board of Education of any County or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore during the school years 1953-1954 and 1954-1955 shall pay its teachers according to a salary schedule which is less in any particular than that paid as of December 1, 1952, after having received from the State Treasury in either year any such excess funds under the provisions of this Act, the amount so paid shall be deducted and withheld from the next subsequent payment or payments of such excess funds to the Board of Education of any County or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore under the