

and approved in writing by the supervisor of assessments of the county and by the treasurer of the county (in Montgomery County the director of the department of finance) respectively, decrease or abate an assessment after the date of finality for any year, whether a protest against said assessment was filed before the date of finality or not, in order to correct erroneous and improper assessments and to prevent injustice, provided that the reasons for such decrease or abatement shall be clearly set forth in such order.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved March 23, 1961.

CHAPTER 188

(House Bill 8)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 46 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 4. State Superintendent of Schools", relating to the professional assistants in the Department of Education.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 46 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 4. State Superintendent of Schools", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

46. The State Department of Education shall hereafter be provided with **[the following]** professional assistants *as in this section provided*. Such professional assistants as are employed at the time this section shall take effect shall be eligible for reappointment to the positions which they now hold:

(1) *A deputy State superintendent of schools who shall represent the State Superintendent of Schools in the latter's absence and who shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the State Superintendent of Schools.*

[(1)] (2) An assistant State superintendent of schools, who **[shall represent the State Superintendent of Schools in his absence,]** shall have charge of the office of the Department, the correspondence, publications, records, reports, and educational and financial statistics; shall audit the accounts of the county boards of education, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the State Superintendent of Schools.

[(2)] (3) A supervisor of high schools, who shall have supervision of State-aided high schools, shall aid the instructors in all other schools above the seventh grade and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the State Superintendent of Schools.