

the terms and conditions of this act, the county commissioners, county council, or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, thereof shall file a petition with the State Board of Education, with such information as the State Board of Education shall require, together with complete plans for each project for which financial assistance is desired.

(b) Upon receipt of the petition, the State Board of Education shall make a written finding of fact addressed to the Board of Public Works, in the form of a recommendation to that Board advising it which of the requests for financial assistance made by any of the counties or by the City of Baltimore, should be allowed and which should be denied. In making the finding of fact, the State Board of Education, will at the request of the Board of Public Works, determine a priority of need for area vocational schools as between any one or more counties in the State and the City of Baltimore. No grant of financial assistance is allowed until such grant has been finally ratified and approved by the Board of Public Works, which certifies the allocation of State funds to the Treasurer of the State, who makes them available to the county or city when needed for construction of the project. The decision of the Board of Public Works in this regard is made in such form as the Board deems advisable.

(c) The amount of financial assistance granted to any of the counties or the City of Baltimore under the terms and conditions of this act shall be fifty per cent (50%) of the total cost of the project or an amount equal to the percentage of the cost of the project that a county or Baltimore City received from State funds for operating its minimum current expense program in the school year immediately preceding the submission of its application, whichever is the greater. ~~Any Federal funds shall be counted as county or Baltimore City funds in administering the provisions of this act.~~

(d) For the purposes of this act, an area vocational school shall be a school that provides vocational education for no less than five different occupational fields on either a secondary level, a post-secondary level, or any combination of both levels. It may be either a new building on a new site, an addition or annex to an already existing high school or junior college, or the renovation and equipping of an existing facility; **AND ANY SUCH BUILDING PLACED UNDER CONTRACT WITHIN SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, AND WHICH WOULD QUALIFY HEREUNDER EXCEPT FOR THAT FACT, SHALL BE INCLUDED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT.**

**SEC. 6.** *And be it further enacted,* That until all of the interest on and ~~principals~~ **PRINCIPAL** of any certificates issued under this act are paid in full, there is hereby levied and imposed an annual State tax on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessable property at the rate to be determined in the following manner: On or before May 1, 1966, and on or before May 1st of each calendar year thereafter, the Board of Public Works certifies to the governing bodies of each of the counties and of Baltimore City the rate of State tax on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessable property necessary to produce revenue to meet all interest and principal which will be payable to the close of the next ensuing ~~calendar~~ **TAXABLE** year on all certificates theretofore issued or theretofore