

vided that such discount shall not exceed the interest rate per annum on the principal of said loan. The said loan and every part thereof and every note, bond, coupon or other evidence thereof, and the interest payable thereon shall be and remain exempt from State, County and municipal taxation.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the proceeds derived from said loan shall be placed in a special fund by the County Treasurer, and shall be paid out by him only on warrants from the County Commissioners, which warrants shall be issued only upon proper vouchers presented by the County School Board and the Superintendent of Schools for the purposes mentioned in Section 1 of this Act.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 11, 1965.

CHAPTER 147
(House Bill 46)

AN ACT to add new Section 26A to Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Chancery," subtitle "Divorce and Annulment," to follow immediately after Section 26 thereof, providing that offers of reconciliation are not defenses to actions for divorce nor a bar thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 26A be and it is hereby added to Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Chancery," subtitle "Divorce and Annulment," to follow immediately after Section 26 thereof and to read as follows:

26A.

In no action for divorce instituted in this State after the effective date of this Act shall an offer of reconciliation or an attempt to reconcile by one spouse without the concurrence of the other spouse be available as a defense to a divorce nor in and of itself be a bar to a divorce.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved March 11, 1965.