

financing the construction of public school buildings and public school facilities and have otherwise complied with the requirements of this section, including the requirement in subsection (3) hereof, there shall be paid from the State general fund to each such county and to the City of Baltimore an additional amount of twelve dollars multiplied by the number of pupils enrolled respectively in each such county or the City of Baltimore. The maximum participation by the State in the incentive fund created and established by this section shall be limited to an amount necessary to provide twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) multiplied by the number of pupils enrolled in the City of Baltimore or in the said counties each year, as the case may be. Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be taken to limit in general the total levy which the City of Baltimore and each county may make for the purpose of building, improving, or maintaining any school buildings or facilities situated in said city and in said counties, it being the intention of this section to limit the aforesaid levy only for the purposes of participation by the State in this incentive fund, provided, however, that such additional amounts as may be made available under the provisions of this section shall be expended solely for school building construction, school facilities, and school land which will have been contracted for after June 1, 1955.

(6) As used in this section, the phrase "number of pupils enrolled" shall mean the average number of pupils enrolled in public schools in the month having the highest average pupil enrollment in the current school year in which the payments provided for herein are to be made.

(7) As soon as possible after the beginning of the State school year it shall be the duty of the State Superintendent of Schools to determine which of the counties or Baltimore City are qualified to participate in this incentive fund. In determining that any county or Baltimore City is qualified to participate in this incentive fund, the State Superintendent of Schools shall make the following finding of fact: The number of pupils enrolled in public schools in each such county and in Baltimore City; the taxable basis of each such county and of Baltimore City; the total levy above that required to pay the cost of the State minimum program of education made by each such county and by Baltimore City; the amount of tax revenues raised in each county and in Baltimore City; the amount of tax revenues raised in each county and in Baltimore City by the aforesaid levy; and the fact that said tax revenues are being or are to be dedicated by each county and by Baltimore City for the purpose specified by subsection (2) of this section.

The State Superintendent of Schools shall certify to the Comptroller, on or before the last day of July and September, the tenth day of December, the last day of January, March and May, one sixth of the sum due the county board of education of each county qualified to participate in this incentive fund and the City of Baltimore if it is qualified to participate in this incentive fund. Thereupon the Comptroller shall within five days of the above said dates draw his warrant on the Treasurer of the State of Maryland for the respective amounts due the City of Baltimore and due the boards of education of each county entitled to receive the same, and the Treasurer of the State of Maryland, upon receipt of said warrants shall immediately pay the amount due to the City of Baltimore and the respective boards of education.]