

1. The Comptroller ~~immediately upon the sale~~ SHALL IMMEDIATELY UPON THE SALE OF and the payment for said certificates, first, ~~returns to and credits to~~ RETURN TO AND CREDIT the treasury for a sum equivalent to the amount expended, as provided in Section 4 of this Act.

2. The remainder of the proceeds of ~~said loan are~~ SUCH LOAN SHALL BE credited on the books of the State ~~Treasury Department~~ ~~ment~~ COMPTROLLER, to be expended to supplement the financing of the construction of area vocational school buildings, and the purchase of initial and permanent equipment, and to supplement the cost of the acquisition of such real estate as may be required in connection therewith by each of the counties in this State, and by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore upon the following terms and conditions:

(a) Whenever any one or more counties or Baltimore City desires to participate in the financial assistance which is provided for under 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~~ ALLOCATION OF STATE FUNDS TO THE STATE TREASURER AND THE STATE COMPTROLLER WHO WILL ISSUE HIS WARRANT ON THE TREASURER OF THE STATE TO MAKE 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. AND PROPER AND IT IS FINAL AND CONCLUSIVE UPON ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

(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.

(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