

children shall be furnished to the State Board of Health **AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.**

56A. *Cooperative administrative activities.*

The county boards of education may enter into agreements with the county commissioners or county councils for the cooperative or joint administration of programs, including but not limited to personnel, purchasing, accounting, data processing, printing, insurance, building maintenance, and transportation.

Chapter 5. *Superintendent of Schools*

57. *Appointment; term; salary.*

(a) *Appointment, term, and qualifications—The county board of education of each county shall appoint during the month of February a superintendent of schools for a term of four years beginning on the first day of July next succeeding his appointment, and he shall hold office until his successor qualifies. No person shall be eligible for appointment to the office of county superintendent of schools who, is not eligible to be issued a certificate for such office by the State Superintendent of Schools, nor shall the appointment of any person by the county board of education to the position of county superintendent of schools be valid without the written approval of the State Superintendent of Schools; provided, however, that if the State Superintendent of Schools shall not approve of the proposed appointment of a person to the position of county superintendent of schools, he shall certify in writing to the county board of education his reasons for such refusal to approve of the appointment of such person.*

(b) *Salaries—All superintendents of schools shall be paid on the basis of the salaries hereinafter specified. The salary of the superintendent of schools shall not be diminished during his term of office. The superintendent of schools shall devote his entire time to public school business, and shall receive such compensation as the board of education shall direct, during the first year of a local superintendent's service as such in the State of Maryland he shall receive an annual salary of not less than fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000); during his second year of such service in the State of Maryland, his annual salary shall be not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000); during his third year of such service in the State of Maryland, his annual salary shall be not less than sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000); during his fourth year of such service in the State of Maryland, his annual salary shall be not less than seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000); and for the fifth year of such service in the State of Maryland and thereafter, his annual salary shall be not less than eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000).*

(c) *When salaries to be shared in by State; salaries in excess of schedule.—Salaries paid superintendents who are employed after July 1, 1964, shall be shared in by the State only when the superintendent has met the full requirements in academic and professional training, namely, graduation from a standard college or university plus two years of graduate work at a recognized university, including public school administration, supervision, and methods of teaching. Boards of education may, in their discretion, pay to a superintendent an annual salary in excess of the schedule provided in this section, but the State shall not share in the payment of said excess.*