

of pupil personnel I having equivalent experience and grade of certificate who is already in the public school system of that political subdivision.

(f) Salaries of visiting teachers.—Every visiting teacher holding the appropriate certificate shall receive a minimum salary of \$500 in excess of that which is required to be paid to a teacher with equivalent training and years of experience who is already in the public school system of that political subdivision.

(g) Salaries in excess of minima.—County boards of education and the School Commissioners of Baltimore City may pay to supervising teachers, supervisors of pupil personnel, and visiting teachers salaries in excess of the minimum salaries provided for in this section and may employ additional supervising teachers, supervisors of pupil personnel, and visiting teachers, but the State will not share in the payment of such excess salaries.

(h) Statistical and stenographic clerk.—There shall be employed in each county such clerical, statistical, and stenographic assistants and other professional assistants, assistant superintendents, supervising teacher, helping teachers, supervisors of pupil personnel I, supervisors of pupil personnel II, visiting teachers, medical inspectors, and school nurses as the county board of education shall authorize; provided that no professional assistant shall be appointed who does not hold the appropriate certificate issued by the State Superintendent of Schools, and the appointment of no professional assistant shall be valid without the written approval of the State Superintendent of Schools.

(i) The county commissioners, county council, and Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall levy sufficient funds to meet the scale of minimum salaries provided for in this section and shall not deny any part of the amount required for any one school year for the payment at the said scale of minimum salaries of the professional employees not assigned to schools; provided, however, that the number of professional employees not assigned to schools shall not exceed five percent of the allowed professional employees as defined under subsection (c) of this section.

69. Office, supplies and traveling expenses.

The county board of education shall provide the office of the superintendent of schools with adequate quarters, and with adequate clerical equipment; and the superintendent of schools and his professional assistants shall be provided with such means of transportation as are necessary for the effective and efficient performance of their official duties. They shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary traveling and other expenses and disbursements incurred or made by them in the performance of their official duties, and no part of the traveling or personal expenses of the county superintendent and his professional assistants incurred in the performance of their official duties shall be included in or counted as a part of their annual salary.

70. Annual budget; securing funds from local authorities.

The county superintendent of schools shall take the initiative in the preparation and presentation of the annual school budget, and shall in every way seek to secure adequate funds from the local