

(b) *This annual school budget shall be submitted in writing to the board of county commissioners, county council, or the county executive not less than 45 days before the date for levying local taxes, or such earlier date as may be requested by the local fiscal authority. BUT NOT PRIOR TO MARCH 1. A county executive shall indicate in writing what major categories of the annual budget of the County Board of Education have been denied in whole or in part, and the reasons for such reduction. The County Council may in their discretion restore any or all reductions made by the county executive in the said budget submitted by the Board of Education; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO RESTORE ANY OR ALL REDUCTIONS MADE BY THE BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.*

*Copies of such budget shall be made available to the public, upon request, at the time of such transmittal.*

(c) *The amount requested in the annual budget of the county board of education and the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City for current expenses for the succeeding school year and to be raised by revenue from local sources shall not be less than the minimum amount required to be levied in Section 128(b) (4) of this Article to support the foundation program of education. Provided, that the board of county commissioners or county council may provide funds in excess of the amount required for the foundation program in order to support improved and additional programs. In the event that such board of county commissioners or county council shall fail to approve the amount requested in the budget in excess of the amount for the foundation program, they shall indicate in writing, WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET what major categories of the annual budget have been reduced and the reason for such reduction.*

(d) *A copy of the budget as approved by the county commissioners or county council shall be submitted to the State Superintendent of Schools within thirty days after such approval.*

(e) *Each board of county commissioners or county council is hereby authorized, empowered, directed, and required to levy and collect such tax upon the assessable property of the county which, together with other local revenue available, including income tax revenues and bond monies and together with estimated revenues and funds from all sources, will produce the amounts necessary to meet the appropriations made in the approved annual budget of the county board of education. Local funds provided for appropriations shall be paid in accordance with the expenditure requirements as certified by the county board of education to the treasurer of the county board of education on a monthly basis; provided that appropriations for school construction, permanent improvements, and repairs for special purposes may be required to be paid more frequently upon the order of the president and secretary of the county board of education to each board of county commissioners or county council or elected county executive. All revenues received by each county board of education shall be expended by them in accordance with the major categories of its annual budget as provided for by this section. Transfers may be made within the major categories without recourse to the county commissioners or county council except that a report*