

143. *Powers and duties of board of school commissioners.*

*The board of commissioners of public schools of Baltimore City, or by whatever name the body may be known that has supervisory power and control over the public schools of Baltimore City, shall have power to examine, appoint and remove teachers, prescribe the qualifications, fix the salaries subject to the approval of the mayor and city council, and select textbooks for schools of said city; provided, such text books shall contain nothing of a sectarian or partisan character. The board of commissioners of public schools of said city shall annually make a report to the State Board of Education of the condition of the schools under their charge, to include a statement of expenditures, the number of children taught, and such other statistical information as may be necessary to exhibit the operation of the schools.*

144. *Protection of property; disturbances.*

*The mayor and city council of Baltimore shall have power and authority to make all ordinances for the protection of the school-houses and property, and to punish any person who may disturb the sessions of said public schools.*

145. *Power to tax.*

*The said mayor and city council are hereby authorized and empowered to levy and collect upon the assessable property in said city, as other taxes are levied and collected, such amount of taxes as may be necessary to defray all the expenses incurred for educational purposes by said mayor and city council.*

Chapter 13. *Nonpublic Schools*

146. *Definitions.*

(a) *As used in this chapter, the following terms mean:*

(b) *“Solicitor” means a person engaged in the business of soliciting for compensation or offering to solicit students within the State of Maryland to enroll in or apply for any course of instruction offered by any school.*

(c) *“School” means any school or educational institution, however designated, which charges tuition or fees for attendance, or instruction and which offers a program of college, professional, preparatory, high school, junior high school, elementary, kindergarten, or nursery school work, or any combination thereof, or which offers a program of trade or technical education, or both, or which gives pre-employment or supplementary training, or both, in the fields of trade or industry, and any and every private school or educational institution charging tuition or fees for attendance or instruction; but this term shall not include the following: Accredited high schools and institutions of higher learning, those operated by a bona fide church organization or schools or educational programs conducted by firms, corporations, or persons for the training of their own employees, for which no fee is charged or for any refresher or continuing education program sponsored by any professional group now or hereafter sponsoring such program for the exclusive use and benefit of the members of such professional group, or nonpublic*