

Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 77 - Public Education

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(b) Any public school teacher of Kent, QUEEN ANNE'S, OR CECIL County who retired prior to July 1, 1956, and who is receiving any retirement benefits (exclusive of a disability retirement allowance) under the provisions of this subtitle, when such benefits in the aggregate are less than [one hundred and seventy-five (\$175.00)] \$225 per month, shall receive an additional sum not exceeding [fifty dollars (\$50.00)] \$100 per month upon application to the Board of County Commissioners, and the Commissioners shall levy annually an amount sufficient to pay such additional benefits. The sum granted to any applicant by the County Commissioners (subject to the [fifty dollars (\$50.00)] \$100 limitation) shall be such that when added to whatever the applicant is receiving from the Teachers' Retirement System, the total shall not exceed [one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.00)] \$225 per month. Provided further that the Board of County Commissioners [of Kent County] may, in [their] ITS discretion, pay over to any retired public school teacher covered by this section an additional monthly retirement benefit so long as the total retirement benefit received by such public school teacher under this subtitle and under this subsection shall not in the aggregate exceed [two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,100)] \$2,700 per annum; and the Commissioners are authorized to levy annually an amount sufficient to pay such additional benefits.

(c) Any public school teacher of [Cecil and] Caroline [counties] COUNTY who retired prior to July 1, 1956, and who is receiving any retirement benefit (exclusive of a disability retirement allowance) under the provisions of this subtitle, when such benefits in the aggregate are less than [one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00)] \$125 per month, shall receive an additional sum not exceeding [fifty dollars (\$50.00)] \$50 per month upon application to the board of county commissioners, and the commissioners shall levy annually an amount sufficient to pay such additional benefits. The sum granted to any applicant by the county commissioners (subject to the [fifty dollars' (\$50.00)] \$50 limitation) shall be such that when added to whatever the applicant is receiving from the Teachers' Retirement System, the total shall not exceed [one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00)] \$125 per month.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.