

(2) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City may provide funds that are more than the amount required by § 5-202 of this title to support improved and additional programs.

(c) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall levy and collect a tax on the assessable property of the city which, together with other local revenue available, including income tax revenues and local money, and together with estimated reserves and funds from all sources, will produce the amounts necessary to meet the appropriations made in the approved annual budget of the Board of School Commissioners.]

5-112.

(a) This section does not apply to:

(1) [Baltimore City;

(2)] Contracts for the purchase of books and other materials of instruction as defined in the State Department of Education Financial Reporting Manual; and

[(3)](2) Emergency repairs.

(b) (1) If the cost of any school building, improvement, supplies, or equipment is more than \$15,000, the county board, at least 2 weeks before bids are to be filed, shall advertise for bids in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county.

(2) The county board may name in the specifications and advertisements for bids the particular make, kind, or brand of article to be contracted for or purchased.

(c) (1) A contract for the school building, improvements, supplies, or other equipment shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder who conforms to specifications with consideration given to:

(i) The quantities involved;

(ii) The time required for delivery;

(iii) The purpose for which required;

(iv) The competency and responsibility of the bidder; and

(v) The ability of the bidder to perform satisfactory service.

(2) The county board may reject any and all bids and readvertise for other bids.

(e) A contract entered into or purchase made in violation of this section is void.

6-109.

(a) [This section does not apply to Baltimore City.

(b)] A county superintendent and any other employee of a county board who handles funds of the school system shall give bond to secure the interests of the State and the county board as their interests may appear in the penal sum required by the county board.