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(a) Notwithstanding any provision of local law and subject to the applicable provisions of this article, the [New] Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners may:

- (1) Examine, appoint, and remove teachers;
- (2) Set teacher qualifications;
- (3) Set teacher salaries; and

(4) Select textbooks for the public schools in Baltimore City, except that the textbooks may not contain anything of a sectarian or partisan character.

(b) (1) The [New] Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall report annually to the State Board on the condition of the schools under its jurisdiction.

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After a study has been completed to determine whether to close a public school in Baltimore City, the Chief Executive Officer shall inform the Mayor of Baltimore City and the members of the General Assembly who represent Baltimore City regarding the completed study at the same time that the study is submitted to the [New] Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

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(c) The members of the Baltimore City School Police Force shall be employees of and be appointed by the [New] Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

(d) (2) (i) A Baltimore City school police officer may act in an official capacity only on the premises of schools and any other property used for educational purposes owned, leased, or operated by, or under the control of the [New] Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

(f) The [New] Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall adopt regulations governing the:

- (1) Operation of the Baltimore City School Police Force; and
- (2) Conduct of each Baltimore City school police officer.

(g) This section does not:

(1) Make a Baltimore City school police officer a member of the Baltimore City Police Department; or

(2) Affect the salary, benefits, or retirement program of an employee of Baltimore City or the [New] Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.