

(a) Each county superintendent is entitled to the compensation set by the county board.

(b) [Each county superintendent is entitled to the following minimum annual salary:

- (1) During his first year of service — \$14,000;
- (2) During his second year of service — \$15,000;
- (3) During his third year of service — \$16,000;
- (4) During his fourth year of service — \$17,000; and
- (5) During his fifth year of service and each year after — \$18,000.

(c) A county board may pay a county superintendent a larger annual salary than the minimum required by this section.

(d)] (1) The salary of a county superintendent may not be decreased during his term of office.

(2) Each county superintendent shall devote [his entire] FULL time to public school business.

[(e) The board of county commissioners, the county council, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall levy sufficient funds to pay the minimum salaries required by this section.]

EXPLANATION: Section 4-202(b) of the Education Article establishes minimum salaries for superintendents of county schools. These minimum salaries have not been adjusted since before 1978 and serve no practical purpose. Staff recommends that the minimum salaries be repealed. Subsection (c) of this section, authorizing salaries above the statutory minimums, and subsection (e) of this section, requiring a tax levy sufficient to meet the minimum salary levels, should also be repealed.

5-110.

(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 [published] OF GENERAL CIRCULATION in the county.

EXPLANATION: Section 5-110 of the Education Article governs competitive bidding for certain contracts entered into by county boards of education. Staff recommends that ED § 5-110(b)(1) be modified to permit advertisement for bids in a newspaper of general circulation in the respective county rather than in a paper "published" in the county.

6-201.

(a) The [following individuals shall be employed in each county as authorized by the] county board[: