

MARYLAND § 4-101. Control and promotion of education (a) Control of educational matters. -- Educational matters that affect the counties shall be under the control of a county board of education in each county. spend federal or State grants and appropriations, the agreement shall specify the following: (b) Promotion of schools. -- Each county board shall seek in every way to promote the interests of the schools under its jurisdiction. **HISTORY:** An. Code 1957, art. 77, § 34; 1978, ch. 22, § 2. **§ 4-123. Cooperative administration of programs** (a) Agreement for joint administration authorized. -- (1) A county board may enter into an agreement for the cooperative or joint administration of programs with one or more: (i) County boards; (ii) Other educational institutions or agencies; and (iii) Boards of county commissioners or county councils. (2) Agreements made under this section may include the cooperative or joint administration of programs that relate to: (i) Personnel; (ii) Purchasing; (iii) Accounting; (iv) Data processing; (v) Printing; (vi) Insurance; (vii) Building maintenance; and (viii) Transportation. (b) Contents of agreement. -- If an agreement made under this section establishes a separate administrative entity to conduct or administer the joint or cooperative undertaking with power to employ persons, receive and spend money, or receive and established under subsection (b) of this section may administer only the programs and exercise only the powers and duties specifically delegated to it by the public bodies party (1) The duration of the agreement; (2) The organization, composition, and nature of any separate administrative entity established; (3) A statement of the powers of the entity and the manner of representation and participation of each cooperating board or agency in the program and that, if a joint board is established, each public agency party to the agreement shall be represented on it; (4) The purpose of the administrative entity; (5) The manner of financing the joint or cooperative undertaking and of establishing and maintaining its budget, including the manner for receiving, holding, and disbursing federal and other grants and appropriations, and the responsibilities of each cooperating unit of government involved for the payment of the share of the employer in any pension, retirement, or insurance plan administered by any of the participants; (6) The manner of acquiring, holding, and disposing of property used in the joint or cooperative undertaking; (7) The method to be used in accomplishing the partial or complete termination of the agreement and for disposing of property on partial or complete termination; and (8) Any other necessary and proper matters. (c) Agreement to be submitted to county governing body and Attorney General. -- (1) Before any agreement made under subsection (b) of this section becomes effective, it shall: (i) Be approved by the county governing body; and (ii) Be submitted to the Attorney General. (2) If the Attorney General finds that the agreement is not in proper form or not compatible with the laws of this State, the Attorney General shall give written details to the governing body of each public agency concerned as to how the proposed agreement fails to meet the requirements of law. (d) Cooperative entity limited to administering agreement. -- A cooperative entity (i) All reports required of the county board by the State Board or the State Superintendent; and to the agreement. (e) Release from obligations limited. -- An agreement made under this section does not relieve any county board or other participant of any obligation or responsibility imposed on it by law, except that actual and timely performance by a joint board or other administrative entity established by an agreement under this section may be offered by the board in satisfaction of the obligation or responsibility. **HISTORY:** An. Code 1957, art. 77, § 56A; 1978, ch.

22, § 2; 1980, ch. 806; 1996, ch. 10, § 16. **§ 4-205. Powers and duties of county superintendent** (a) In general. -- In addition to the other powers granted and duties imposed under this article, the county superintendent has the powers and duties set forth in this section. (b) County superintendent may administer oaths to witnesses. -- The county superintendent may administer oaths to witnesses in all appeals or cases that come before the county board. (c) Interpretation of law; controversies and disputes. -- (1) Subject to the authority of the State Board under § 2-205 (e) of this article, each county superintendent shall explain the true intent and meaning of: (i) The school law; and (ii) The applicable bylaws of the State Board. (2) Subject to the provisions of § 6-203 and Subtitle 4 of Title 6 of this article and without charge to the parties concerned, each county superintendent shall decide all controversies and disputes that involve: (i) The rules and regulations of the county board; and (ii) The proper administration of the county public school system. (3) A decision of a county superintendent may be appealed to the county board if taken in writing within 30 days after the decision of the county superintendent. The decision may be further appealed to the State Board if taken in writing within 30 days after the decision of the county board. (d) Approval of contracts. -- A contract made by a county board is not valid without the written approval of the county superintendent. (e) Correspondence and reports. -- (1) Acting as the executive officer of the county board, the county superintendent shall: (i) Conduct all correspondence; (ii) Receive all reports from principals and teachers; and (iii) See that all reports are made and submitted properly. (2) The county superintendent shall prepare and submit to the county board for adoption: and development of the public schools in the county. (l) Recommendations as to buildings, land, and locations of flashing caution signs. -- (ii) The annual report to the people of the county required by § 5-111 (b) of this article. (f) Professional improvement of teachers. -- The county superintendent: (1) Shall advise teachers as to their further study and professional improvement; (2) Shall develop a program of in-service training for all public school personnel; and (3) May require attendance at an institution of higher education for future certification and professional improvement instead of in-service training. (g) Visiting schools and advising with principals. -- The county superintendent and his professional assistants shall: (1) Visit the schools; (2) Observe their management and instruction; (3) Give suggestions for their improvement; (4) Consult with and advise principals and teachers; and (5) Try in every way to awaken public interest and improve educational conditions in the county. (h) Evaluation of program of instruction. -- In accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the State Board, the county superintendent periodically shall: (1) Evaluate the program of instruction in the public schools of the county; and (2) Report his findings and recommendations to the county board. (i) Curriculum guides, courses of study, and other teaching aids. -- The county superintendent shall prepare and recommend for adoption by the county board: (1) Curriculum guides; (2) Courses of study; (3) Resource material; and (4) Other teaching aids. (j) List of necessary textbooks, materials, and equipment. -- (1) The county superintendent shall prepare lists of the following items needed by the schools: (i) Textbooks; (ii) Supplementary readers; (iii) Materials of instruction; (iv) Visual and auditory aids; (v) Stationery and school supplies; and (vi) School furniture, equipment, and apparatus. (2) The county superintendent shall recommend the purchase and distribution of these items by the county board. (k) Annual budget; securing funds from local authorities. -- The county superintendent shall: (1)

Take the initiative in the preparation and presentation of the annual school budget; and (2) Seek in every way to secure adequate funds from local authorities for the support (1) The county superintendent shall recommend to the county board: (i) Condemnation of any school building that is unsanitary and unfit for use; and (ii) Any repairs of or the purchase and sale of land, school sites, or buildings. (2) Subject to the provisions of § 2-303 (f) of this article that relate to approval by the State Superintendent, the county superintendent shall prepare all plans and specifications for remodeling an old building or constructing a new building. (3) The county superintendent shall recommend to traffic safety officials of the State Highway Administration or of the county appropriate locations for posting flashing caution signs at or near the site of: (i) A school; (ii) School construction; or (iii) School condemnation. (m) Work permits. -- The county superintendent shall provide the clerical help that is needed to issue work permits in accordance with § 3-206 of the Labor and Employment Article. HISTORY: An. Code 1957, art. 77, §§ 56D, 59, 59A, 60, 61, 63-67, 70, 71; 1978, ch. 22, § 2; 1991, ch. 8, § 3; 1996, ch. 10, § 16; 1997, ch. 105, § 1; ch. 120; 1999, ch. 464; 2002, ch. 289, § 3; 2003, ch. 21, § 1