

115-219. Fumigation and disinfection of books.—The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in conjunction with the State Board of Health, shall adopt rules and regulations governing the use of fumigation and disposal of textbooks from quarantined homes and for the regular disinfection of all textbooks used in the public schools of the State: Provided, that said rules shall be attached to any rules and regulations that the State Board of Education may promulgate.

115-220. County and city units may withdraw from State system.—Whenever any county or city administrative unit has paid over to the State Board of Education, in rentals, a sum equal to the price fixed by said Board for the sale of rental textbooks, said county or city administrative unit may, at its option, with the approval of the Board, withdraw from the textbook rental system set up under rules and regulations adopted by the Board, and upon such withdrawal shall become the absolute owner of all such textbooks for which the purchase price has been paid in full to the said Board.

115-221. Rentals paid to State treasury; for use of only those paying rentals.—All sums of money collected as rentals under the provisions of this article on State owned books shall be paid monthly as collected into the State treasury, to be entered as a separate item known as the "State Textbook Rental Fund," and shall be disbursed only by order of the State Board of Education. When all advances made from the general fund of the State for setting up said textbook rental system have been paid from rentals collected, any surplus funds shall be used only to reduce the annual rentals charged and to bear the expense of operating the State textbook rental system: Provided, that, in the discretion of the Board, such surplus funds and other revenues of the textbook rental system may be used only for providing additional textbooks, library books, and other instructional materials for the use of the pupils who pay the rental fees.

115-222. Free book system separate from rental system.—The system of providing free basal textbooks for both elementary and high schools, when provided, shall be separate from the rental textbooks and supplementary book system, and shall depend upon appropriations from the general fund of the State for both the cost of the books and for operating and administering the system.

115-223. Duties and authority of superintendents of local administrative units; withholding salary for failure to comply with section.—It shall be the duty of the superintendent of each administrative unit as an official agent of the State Board of Education to administer the provisions of this article and the rules and regulations of the Board insofar as said article and said rules and regulations may apply to said unit. The superintendent of every administrative unit shall have authority to require the cooperation of principals and teachers to the end that the children may receive the best possible service, and that all the books and moneys may be properly accounted for. In the event any principal or teacher shall fail to comply with the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of the superintendent to withhold the salary vouchers of said principal or teacher until the duties imposed hereby have been performed.

In the event any superintendent shall fail to comply with the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to withhold salary vouchers of said superintendent and the State Treasurer shall not pay same until the duties imposed hereby have been performed, and it shall be the duty of the State Superintendent as secretary of the State Board of Education to notify the State Board of Education and the State Treasurer in the event any superintendent shall fail to comply with the provisions of this section, and no payment shall be made until notice has been received from the State Superintendent as secretary of the State Board of Education that the provisions of this section have been complied with.

115-224. County and city boards authorized to operate local systems.—Any county or city board of education now operating a textbook rental system, or any such board that may hereafter withdraw from the State system under the provisions of G.S. 115-220 to operate its own system, shall be permitted to continue, or to operate, such local rental system without regulation from the State Board of Education except as provided in G.S. 115-225.

County and city boards of education are hereby authorized and empowered to make all necessary rules and regulations concerning the operation of local rental systems to provide the children of their administrative units with the advantages of an adequate supply of basal and supplementary textbooks, library books, and appropriate instructional materials. For these purposes, funds appropriated in the current expense and in the capital outlay budgets of such units may be used.