without expense to the United States: Provided further, That suitable accommodations for holding the courts at Winchester and Columbia shall be provided by the local authorities, but only until such time as, in the case of each of such cities, such accommodations shall have been provided, upon recommendation of the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, in a public building or in other quarters provided by the Federal Government for such purpose."

Approved, June 12, 1940.

[CHAPTER 342]

AN ACT

To provide educational employees of the public schools of the District of Columbia with leave of absence, with part pay, for purposes of educational improvement, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board of Education, on recommendation of the superintendent of schools, may grant leave of absence with part pay to any employee of said Board of Education whose salary is fixed in the Salary Act approved June 4, 1924, who has served in the public schools of the District of Columbia not less than six years continuously prior to filing application for leave, for purposes of educational improvement for a period not exceeding one year at a time, under conditions not herein otherwise specified as the Board of Education may determine, and the place of said person to be filled by the appointment of a qualified temporary employee for the period of said leave: Provided, That not more than 2 per centum of the total number of the above-mentioned employees may be on leave with part pay at the same time.

SEC. 2. Any employee to whom such leave of absence may be granted shall report in writing to the Superintendent, in such form as the Board of Education may determine, the manner in which said leave of absence is being employed, and for failure to comply with any requirement of the rules of the Board of Education or to pursue in a satisfactory manner the purpose for which said leave of absence was granted, the Board of Education, on recommendation of the Superintendent, may terminate such leave of absence at any time.

SEC. 3. Any teacher whose salary is fixed in article I of the Act approved June 4, 1924, who is granted leave of absence for educational purposes under the provisions of this Act, shall receive compensation during the period of said leave, paid in the same manner as though on active duty, equal to the difference between the salary which the teacher would have received during the year he is on said leave of absence and the basic annual salary of group A or group C of his salary class, less the amount of his contribution to the retirement fund, in accordance with the provisions of the Retirement Act, as amended and approved June 11, 1926.

SEC. 4. Any administrative or supervisory officer mentioned in section 1 of this Act whose salary is fixed in article II of the Act approved June 4, 1924, who is granted leave of absence for educational purposes under the provisions of this Act, shall receive compensation during the period of said leave, paid in the manner as though on active duty, equal to the largest amount to which any teacher in the group B or group D salary class under his supervision would be entitled if given such education leave, less the amount of his contribution to the retirement fund in accordance with the provisions of the Retirement Act, as amended and approved June 11,
1926: Provided, That during the period of the leave of said officer, the Board of Education on the recommendation of the superintendent of schools may authorize the temporary assignment to his position of any teacher or officer who serves under said officer on leave: And provided further, That the position of the teacher or officer so assigned may be filled during the period of such absence by a qualified temporary employee.

Sec. 5. The teacher or officer who takes leave of absence with part pay for educational purposes under the provisions of this Act shall be construed as in active service, and periods of service for salary increment purposes and for retirement purposes, and the pay which the teacher or officer would have received had leave not been taken shall be used in computing retirement annuities.

Sec. 6. Wherever the masculine pronoun occurs in this Act it shall be construed to mean both male and female employees.

Sec. 7. This Act shall take effect on and after July 1, 1940.

Approved, June 12, 1940.

[CHAPTER 343] AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Military Establishment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Military Establishment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, and for other purposes, namely:

SALARIES, WAR DEPARTMENT

For compensation for personal services in the District of Columbia, as follows:

Office of Secretary of War: Secretary of War, Assistant Secretary of War, and other personal services, $543,240, of which $184,860 shall be available exclusively for temporary personal services: Provided, That not to exceed $50,000 of the appropriations contained in this Act for military activities shall be available for the payment of actual transportation expenses and not to exceed $10 per diem in lieu of subsistence and other expenses of persons serving while away from their homes, without other compensation, in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of War, and for the temporary employment of persons or organizations, by contract or otherwise, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes or the civil service or classification laws: Provided, That no field-service appropriation shall be available for personal services in the War Department except as may be expressly authorized herein.

Office of Chief of Staff, $312,290, of which $69,340 shall be available exclusively for temporary personal services.

Adjudant General's office, $1,797,856, of which $251,740 shall be available exclusively for temporary personal services.

Office of the Inspector General, $37,260.

Office of the Judge Advocate General, $127,560.

Office of the Chief of Finance, $154,928, of which $94,798 shall be available exclusively for temporary personal services.

Office of the Quartermaster General, $1,001,786 of which $140,000 shall be available exclusively for temporary personal services.

Office of the Chief Signal Officer, $279,827, of which $70,422 shall be available exclusively for temporary personal services.

Office of the Chief of Air Corps, $392,000, of which $133,000 shall be available exclusively for temporary personal services.