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The Education Commission of the States operates under the provisions of the Compact for Education which Maryland ratified by Chapter 128, Acts of 1966. The Commission was created to establish and maintain close cooperation and understanding among the executive, legislative, professional educational and lay leadership on a nationwide basis at the State and local levels. It also informs political and educational leaders of current trends and ideas in education, as well as to provide a forum for the discussion, development, crystallization and recommendation of public policy alternatives in the field of education. In addition, the Commission provides a clearing house of information on matters relating to educational problems and how they are being met in different places throughout the United States, so that the executive and legislative branches of each State government and of the local communities may have ready access to the experience and record of the entire country, and so that both lay and professional groups in the field of education may have additional avenues for the sharing of experience and the interchange of ideas in the formation of public policy in education. Maryland pays

an annual fee of \$17,250 for its State membership assessment.

The same Act also created the Maryland Educational Council, which consists of seven members, of whom two are ex officio members and three are appointed by the Governor because of their interest in educational matters and who reflect the interests of the State government, higher education, the State educational system, and local education. Their terms coincide with those of the appointing Governor. The ex officio members are the Governor and the State Superintendent of Schools. One member is appointed by the President of the Senate and one by the Speaker of the House of Delegates (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 375-384).

#### **EDUCATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Representing the State Board for Higher Education: Harry K. Wells, Richard R. Kline, J. Harrison Ager.

Representing the State Board of Education: *(not yet appointed)*.

David W. Hornbeck, *State Superintendent of Schools*

Sheldon H. Knorr, *Commissioner for Higher Education*

The Education Coordinating Committee was created by Chapter 538, Acts of 1976 to coordinate the policies and activities of the boards named so that all segments of the Committee work in harmony. The Committee consists of three members of the State Board of Education selected by its President, three members of the State Board for Higher Education selected by the Chairman, the State Superintendent of Schools and the Commissioner of Higher Education. The Committee selects its own Chairman. The Committee is to study, consider and make recommendations regarding educational policies which concern or have an effect on both elementary, secondary or higher education (Code 1957, 1975 Repl. Vol., 1976 Supp., Art. 77A, secs. 32B, 32C).