

Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning, Department of Transportation, and Human Relations Commission; a representative of local government; and one member each from the Senate and House of Delegates. The Council also includes nine public members, of whom five are handicapped individuals and four represent the legal profession, the public relations field, private agencies, and an organization for parents of handicapped children. After the expiration of initial terms of service succeeding appointments are for three-year terms. A member may not serve for more than six years.

The State Advisory Council assists the Office for the Coordination of Services to the Handicapped in the implementation and performance of its responsibilities; reviews statewide activities for the handicapped; fosters coordination and support for programs for the handicapped; receives and reviews reports and publications of existing committees and commissions; studies ways of increasing the use of facilities and services available to the handicapped; and conducts open meetings to provide direct communication by the handicapped with private and public organizations and the general public in order to solicit statements regarding the status of programs, services, needs, desires, and opinions.

Authorizing legislation for the agency terminates June 30, 1980 (Chapter 574, Acts of 1978).

MARYLAND HEALTH AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Chairperson: John A. Luetkemeyer, 1983

Vice-Chairperson: Mrs. Lyn Meyerhoff, 1979

Ex officio member: William S. James, *Treasurer of Maryland*

Appointed members: Paul B. Meritt, 1979; Leonard I. Frenkil, 1980; Robert D. H. Harvey, 1980; Walter D. Pinkard, 1981; E. Leister Mobley, 1982; Francis X. Knott, 1983

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The Maryland Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority was created by Chapter 408, Acts of 1970. The Authority consists of nine members, of whom the Treasurer of Maryland serves ex officio, and eight members appointed by the Governor for five-year terms. Members may be reappointed. The Governor designates the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson. The Authority appoints the Executive Director and a general counsel, neither of whom can be members.

The purpose of the Authority is to enable private health and higher educational facilities to use the Authority as a vehicle to issue bonds and thereby pay a lower rate of interest. The Authority was created to provide certain hospitals and institutions for higher education with the facilities and structures that are needed to carry out the purposes of the Maryland Health and Higher Facilities Authority Act of 1970 (Code 1957, Art. 43C).

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Chairperson: James C. Fletcher, Jr., 1983

Vice-Chairperson: Alvin L. Blank, 1983

Stephen J. Britz, 1981; Flozella E. R. Clark, 1985; Patricia Cushwa, 1981; Leonard Jackson, Sr., 1983; Susan P. Leviton, 1985; Ernest A. Lyte, 1981; Mary B. Malley, 1985

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The Commission was established by Chapter 559, Acts of 1927, which added a new Article 49-1 (now 49B) to the Annotated Code of Maryland. By the statute a permanent "Interracial Commission" was established to consider matters concerning the "welfare of colored people residing in the State..., recommend legislation and sponsor movements looking to the welfare of said people, and to the improvement of interracial relations, and to cooperate with other State agencies to these ends." Subsequent amendments to Article 49B over the years changed the name of the Commission and expanded its authority and responsibilities.