

principal departments of State government. Due to Ms. Veronis's diligent study of the Code, Education has now been moved from its former position as an independent agency to its rightful place as one of Maryland's fourteen principal departments.

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