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The Division of Planning and Academic Affairs was formed in 1988. The Division is responsible for planning and academic affairs, and research and policy analysis. The Division approves academic programs and new institutions; oversees postsecondary institutions, including private career schools; and analyzes the needs of and plans for education and training programs. The Division also conducts data analysis and research. In addition, the Division oversees the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission.

MARYLAND FIRE-RESCUE EDUCATION
& TRAINING COMMISSION

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In 1976, the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission was established within the State Board for Higher Education (Chapter 682, Acts of 1976). The Commission was placed under the Maryland Higher Education Commission in 1988 (Chapter 246, Acts of 1988).

The Commission develops standards for fire, rescue, and emergency medical education and training in Maryland. To coordinate an emergency services training system, the Commission develops and maintains a statewide master plan; collects and disseminates data; and reviews research on fire-rescue education. The Commission works in cooperation with the University of Maryland System.

The Commission consists of thirteen members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. The Governor designates the chairperson (Code Education Article, sec. 12-113).

DIVISION OF FINANCE POLICY

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The Division of Finance Policy originated in 1988 as the Division of Finance and Policy Analysis and received its present name in 1993. It oversees State scholarship administration, finance, and facilities.

The Division administers over \$30 million in State student financial aid. For institutions of higher education, the Division sets guidelines for operating and capital budgets; analyzes campus budget requests; and makes recommendations on funding. The Division also administers State aid for community colleges and private institutions; and capital improvement for community colleges.

Origins of the Maryland Higher Education Commission trace to 1963, when the Advisory Council on Higher Education was formed (Chapter 41, Acts of 1963). The Council was renamed as the Maryland Council on Higher Education in 1968 (Chapter 130, Acts of 1968). The State Board for Higher Education replaced the Council in 1976 (Chapter 538, Acts of 1976). The Board in turn was superseded by the Maryland Higher Education Commission in 1988. The Commission implemented a reorganization of Maryland universities and colleges (Chapter 246, Acts of 1988).

In consultation with the governing boards and agencies concerned with higher education, the Commission develops and updates an overall plan, consistent with the Maryland Charter for Higher Education, to coordinate the growth and development of postsecondary education in Maryland. The Maryland Charter for Higher Education, adopted in 1988, sets forth State goals for higher education (Code Education Article, secs. 10-201 through 10-212).

Appointed by the Governor, the Secretary of Higher Education oversees the State's system of higher education. The Secretary also serves on the Governor's Executive Council; the Governor's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission; the Education Coordinating Committee; the Peabody Institute Oversight Committee; the Maryland Education Council; the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee for Minority Affairs; the Education Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions; and the Southern Regional Education Board.

The Commission has twelve members. Eleven are appointed to five-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. The chairperson of the Commission's Student Advisory Council serves in a nonvoting capacity as the twelfth member. The Governor designates the chairperson (Code Education Article, secs. 11-101 through 11-206).