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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 \$11,500 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).