

of the State's community colleges. In addition, it conducts studies on the problems of community college education, assists the colleges in providing expert professional advice in all areas of their activities, reviews and advises upon all curriculum proposals for newly established community colleges and for proposed major additions to or modifications of programs in existing community colleges, and recommends, reviews and advises upon proposals for the establishment of new community colleges. The Board also coordinates relationships among the community colleges to assure the widest possible educational opportunities for the students of the State and the most efficient use of funds, facilitates the transfer of students between the community colleges and the University of Maryland, the State Colleges, and other institutions of higher education; coordinates relationships between the community colleges and the State and local public school systems and the private high schools in order to facilitate cooperation with them in guidance and admission of students to the community colleges and arranges for the most advantageous use of facilities. The Board establishes and maintains a system of information and accounting of community college activities, provides grants-in-aid for the prompt and adequate planning of new colleges and new programs in existing colleges, administers the State's program of support for the community colleges, assists and represents the community colleges in seeking and administering Federal funds available to them; assists the State Board for Higher Education in the performance of its duties as they pertain to community colleges, and in its preparation of plans and recommendations for the establishment and location of new facilities and programs relating to community colleges.

During fiscal year 1976 there were fifteen community colleges and two regional community colleges in operation. In addition, a full branch campus in Carroll County was operated under contract with Catonsville Community College. Through the various programs and course offerings at the colleges, a total of 76,240 students were served.

The State Board for Community Colleges submits an annual report in January of each year to the Governor and the members of the General Assembly which includes a summary of the Board's major activities for the preceding year together with a financial statement and other statistical data pertaining to the community colleges. The Board also publishes a brochure for distribution throughout the State entitled "Educational Opportunities in Maryland Community Colleges — A Guide for Students and Counselors." This brochure provides prospective college students with information concerning curricula offered at the colleges. Other reports are published as required (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 77, secs. 300-305; 1975 Repl. Vol., 1976 Supp., Art. 77A, secs. 8(a), 8(d)).

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