

rect services to handicapped persons; the development of a Statewide plan to provide rehabilitation services to all the State's handicapped citizens; and the implementation of plans for establishing, staffing, and supervising workshops and rehabilitation facilities.

The Division offers services at regional and local offices located strategically throughout the State. The primary purpose is to provide diagnostic counseling, physical restoration, training, and placement services for every Maryland resident with a vocational handicap resulting from disability.

The Division is also directly responsible for the administration and operation of the Maryland Rehabilitation Center, a multi-million dollar facility in which eligible handicapped persons may undergo a comprehensive program of evaluation, counseling, and training while residing on the premises.

Consultative services are available to workshops and facilities that may be used for federally-funded programs.

The Division's professional personnel also work with community organizations in developing research and demonstration projects designed to improve services to handicapped persons.

The Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, created by Executive Order 01.01.1979.23 and housed within the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, is charged with the responsibility of promoting meaningful employment opportunities for the handicapped. Its twenty-seven members are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor, who also appoints the chairman.

DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Division of Vocational Technical Education is responsible for the administration, supervision, and evaluation of Vocational-Technical Education in the State. In carrying out this responsibility, the Division provides leadership and assistance to educational and related agencies, institutions, organizations, business, industry, and commerce in the planning, development, improvement, evaluation, and expansion of educational and training programs.

Programs administered by the Division are offered in both public and private institutions and are available to both school age and adult citizens of Maryland.

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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 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 provides a forum for the discussion, development, crystallization, and recommendation of public policy alternatives in the field of education. In addition, the Commission provides a clearinghouse of information on matters relating to educational problems and how they are being met in different places throughout the United States, which is made available to executive and legislative branches of State government, local communities, and lay and professional groups in the field of education. Maryland pays an annual fee of \$25,875 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