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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 informs political and educational leaders of current trends and ideas in education, and 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. This information 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 State membership assessment. A publications list is available from the Denver ECS office.

The same Act also created the Maryland Education Council, which consists of seven members. The Governor appoints three members 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 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates each appoint one member. The Governor and the State Superintendent of Schools serve *ex officio* (Code Education Article, secs. 25-101 through 25-104).

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The Interstate Mining Commission was created as the result of the Interstate Mining Compact initiated by the Council of State Governments. To date, sixteen states have ratified the instrument. Maryland ratified the Compact by Chapter 297, Acts of 1973. The Compact establishes a Commission with one representative and one alternate from each state.

The purpose of the Compact is to 1) advance the protection and restoration of land, water and other resources affected by mining; 2) assist in reducing the deterioration of land, water and air attributable to mining; 3) encourage programs which will achieve comparable results in protecting, conserving, and improving the usefulness of natural resources; 4) recommend techniques for the improvement, restoration or protection of land and other resources affected by mining; and 5) assist in achieving and maintaining an efficient and productive mining industry. The total budget of the Compact is \$147,286. The first half is assessed to each state on an equal basis. The other half is prorated on the basis of the value of mineral production in the party states.

The Maryland Mining Council was created as a result of the State's joining the Interstate Mining Compact. The Council advises the Governor on problems related to mining. The Council consists