

The Division works with local education agencies (LEAs), State Instructional Television Regional Advisory Boards, State ITV Curriculum Committees, ITV coordinators, divisions within the State Department of Education, and the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission to meet State education priorities.

## **DIVISION OF LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES**

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The Division of Library Development and Services is responsible for the administration, direction, and budgetary development of State and federal programs for improving library services in public schools and public libraries throughout the State. This includes: identification of needs; planning and development of recommendations for library legislation; monitoring and evaluation of ongoing programs; and dissemination of information (Code Education Article, secs., 23-102 through 23-105).

The Division also coordinates the State Library Network, the center of which is Enoch Pratt Free Library. Three Regional Resource Centers include the State Library Resource Center at Pratt, the McKeldin Library of the University of Maryland, and the Eisenhower Library of Johns Hopkins University (Code Education Article, secs. 23-201, 23-202).

## **MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES**

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The Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries was created in 1971 (Chapter 770, Acts of 1971). The Council gathers information pertaining to the needs of libraries throughout the State; advises the Division of Library Development and Services, the State Superintendent of Schools, the State Board of Education, and the Governor; and engages in other activities to improve library services in the State.

The Council consists of twelve members. Five serve *ex officio* and seven are appointed by the Governor for five-year terms. Of those appointed, one must be a library trustee and one a professional librarian. The Governor designates the chairperson. The Assistant Superintendent for Libraries of the State Department of Education serves as Secretary to the Council (Code Education Article, sec. 23-106).

## **DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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The Division of Special Education is responsible for the administration, management, and budgetary development of State and federal programs for handicapped children and youth in Maryland. In compliance with State and federal mandates, the Division helps local education agencies (LEAs) provide educational programs for all handicapped children and youth. The Division ensures compliance with State and federal laws requiring that service be provided for all handicapped children. The Division offers assistance to parents seeking a free, appropriate, special education for their handicapped children. To provide a comprehensive service network to handicapped children, the Division also cooperates and collaborates with other State agencies.

The Division provides programmatic assistance to LEAs in areas such as individual educational plans, non-discriminatory testing, early childhood programs, personnel development, and program evaluation. It also supervises educational programs and services in approved nonpublic and State institutions and assesses the educational needs of children having profound or complex handicaps.

## **DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**

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