

boards of trustees are appointed by the Governor, except in Baltimore City where appointments are made by the Mayor and City Council.

The State Board for Community Colleges establishes general policies for the State's community colleges. The Board studies the problems of community college education and assists the colleges with expert professional advice in all areas of their activities. The Board reviews and advises upon all curriculum proposals for newly established community colleges, proposed major program additions or modifications in existing community colleges, and proposals for the establishment of new community colleges.

To assure educational opportunities for students and the most efficient use of funds, the Board coordinates relationships among the community colleges and facilitates the transfer of students between Maryland institutions of higher education. The Board also coordinates relationships among community colleges, State and local public school systems, and private high schools in order to promote cooperation in the guidance and admission of students to community colleges. Additionally, the Board arranges for the most advantageous use of community college facilities.

The Board maintains a system of information and accounting of community college activities and provides grants-in-aid to plan for new colleges and for new programs in existing colleges. It administers the State's program of support for community colleges and helps community colleges secure and administer federal funds available to them. The Board also assists the State Board for Higher Education in its duties as they pertain to community colleges and in its preparation of plans and recommendations for new facilities and programs relating to community colleges.

The State Board for Community Colleges establishes guidelines to be used by community colleges in financial record-keeping and the preparation of annual audit reports. The Board also reviews audits and management letters of community colleges to determine if the schools are audited in accordance with statute, and to assure that appropriate recommendations are implemented by each college.

Since 1979 the Board has been authorized to designate certain community college instructional programs as statewide or regional programs. Forty-seven programs have been so designated. These

designations minimize duplication in programs while providing educational opportunities for students.

Maryland now has fifteen county community colleges and two regional community colleges. In three counties, branch campuses also serve as extensions of neighboring community colleges. Each branch campus is administered by a community college in a different political subdivision under contract with the county government in which the branch is located. Catonsville Community College administers a Carroll County branch campus. Charles County Community College administers branch campuses in St. Mary's and Calvert counties. Community college services are thus available in each of the State's political subdivisions, except for Somerset County. Enrollment in the fall of 1986 totaled 93,348 students in degree and certificate programs. For continuing education courses in fiscal year 1985, registration totaled 265,232.

The two regional community colleges are Chesapeake College and Wor-Wic Tech Community College. They serve the Eastern Shore. Chesapeake College at Wye Mills was chartered in 1965. It serves Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties. Established in 1975, Wor-Wic Tech Community College at Salisbury serves Worcester and Wicomico counties as a community college with a strong emphasis on vocational-technical programs.

The State Board for Community Colleges submits a State Plan each year to the Governor and the General Assembly. The Plan incorporates elements of an annual report. The Board also publishes special and continuing studies on program evaluation, student follow-up, enrollment, finance, and related policy issues. General policies of the Board are found in Title 13C of the *Code of Maryland Regulations*. A monthly newsletter, the *SBCC Bulletin*, is distributed to the colleges and State officials.

The Board consists of eight members. Seven are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for six-year terms. One is a student appointed for a one-year term by the Governor upon recommendation of the community college presidents, with the advice and consent of the Senate. (Code Education Article, secs. 16-101 through 16-515).