terms. The Panel meets at least quarterly with the commissioners of the Public Service Commission and the People's Counsel to advise and assist them.

REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY OF APPALACHIAN MARYLAND

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The purpose of the Regional Education Service Agency of Appalachian Maryland (RESA) is to raise the educational level of all people in Appalachian Maryland (Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties) to better enable them to develop socially, culturally, and economically. Its member institutions include Allegany Community College, Frostburg State College, Allegany County Board of Education, Hagerstown Junior College, Washington County Board of Education, Garrett Community College, Garrett County Board of Education, and the University of Maryland.

The Agency began in 1967 as the Educational Subcommittee of the Appalachian Regional Commission. It became a formal organization with an office and staff in 1970 and a separate administrative entity of government in 1973. The Agency was created pursuant to Chapter 533, Acts of 1973, and by the approval of the Attorney General of Maryland of a joint agreement by the eight member institutions.

The chief executives of the signatory members to the joint agreement comprise the ex officio voting membership of the Board of Directors. The Board establishes policies for programs, operations, and fiscal affairs.

RESA fosters cooperation among all educational institutions and organizations concerned with the needs of the people in the region. The Agency establishes goals, policies, and procedures for regional education projects, which it plans, coordinates, and implements. It also promotes the improvement of educational, scientific, and literary facilities and programs at and among participating institutions.

The Agency provides technical assistance and recommendations to the Governor, as chief executive and as a member of the Appalachian Regional Commission, concerning plans, programs, and activities directed toward education's role in the development of the region. These recommendations are the basis for funding programs for education by the Appalachian Regional Commission through the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Agency provides a basic staff to help member institutions identify needs that might be met through regional programs or services. Based on Board policy, the staff provides direct support and leadership for interagency/institutional liaison, project development and implementation, and project review and evaluation.

Operations and programs of the Agency are funded through budget allocations of the signatory members and from grants and contracts with local, State, and federal agencies, including the Appalachian Regional Commission.

The Agency is described further in two publications: *What's a RESA?* and *Appalachian Maryland —A Great Place to Learn, A Great Place to Live.* These publications are available upon request.

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