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EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES

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The Education Commission of the States operates under the provisions of the Compact for Education, which Maryland ratified in 1966 (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.

The Commission informs political and educational leaders of current trends and ideas in education and provides a forum for public policy alternatives in the field of education. The Commission also provides a clearinghouse of information on matters relating to educational problems and how they are being addressed 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 upon request.

The members of the Maryland Education Council represent Maryland on the Commission.

MARYLAND EDUCATION COUNCIL

Clarence W. Blount, *State Senate*; Howard P. Rawlings, *House of Delegates*; Martha Eleanor Church; Mary L. Nock; Sheldon H. Knorr, *Commissioner for Higher Education*.

Ex officio: William Donald Schaefer, *Governor*; David W. Hornbeck, *State Superintendent of Schools*.

The Maryland Education Council was created in 1966 to represent Maryland on the Education Commission of the States (Chapter 128, Acts of 1966). The Council consists of seven members. The Governor appoints three members who are interested 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).

METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

Chairperson: A. Linwood Holton, *Virginia*

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The Metropolitan Airports Authority was created in 1986 by federal law (P.L. 99-591). As an independent regional body, the Authority oversees the operation of Washington National and Dulles International Airports, formerly operated by the federal government. The transfer from federal to regional control allows the authority to issue tax-exempt bonds that will finance major capital improvements at the airports.

Operational authority for the airports is provided under a 50-year lease to the Metropolitan Airports Authority. A Congressional board of review retains the power of veto over actions involving annual budgets, bond issues, regulatory changes, adoption or revision of a master plan, and appointment of a chief executive officer.

The Authority consists of eleven members: five are appointed by the Governor of Virginia, three by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, two by the Governor of Maryland, and one by the President of the United States.

INTERSTATE MINING COMMISSION

Maryland representatives: William Donald Schaefer, *Governor*; Dr. Kenneth N. Weaver, *Director, Maryland Geological Survey*.