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DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (36.02.20-23)
 FY1989 appropriation\$42,450,351
 James S. Jeffers, Assistant State Superintendent 333-2294

REHABILITATION & EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
 Chairperson: Vacancy

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair): not yet appointed

Appointed by Senate President: Vacancy

Appointed by House Speaker: Vacancy

Representatives of Regional Advisory Committees to Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: two vacancies.

Ex officio: Joseph L. Shilling, State Superintendent of Schools; Addison S. Hobbs, Assistant State Superintendent for Division of Vocational-Technical

Education; Stuart B. Silver, M.D., Director, Mental Hygiene Administration; Lois M. Meszaros, Director, Developmental Disabilities Administration.

MARYLAND REHABILITATION CENTER
 Mark Stancil, Director 764-3005

DISABILITIES DETERMINATION SERVICES
 Katharine Oliver, Director 339-4360

FIELD OPERATIONS BRANCH
 Joseph R. Onder, Director 333-2244

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH
 Myrtie B. Adkins, Chief 333-2270

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BRANCH
 John C. Kelly, Acting Chief 333-2266

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT BRANCH
 Vacancy, Chief 333-2275

CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (36.01.15)
 FY1989 appropriation \$8,600,280
 John Linton, Director 333-2055

State administration of Maryland public schools was attempted in 1825 and again in 1865 under a State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The General Assembly, however, did not establish the State Board of Education until 1870 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1870). The Board sets policy for the public school system and enacts the bylaws and regulations that govern it (Code Education Article, secs. 2-201 through 2-205). The Board also considers and mediates disputes arising from the twenty-four local independent school districts in Maryland. The Board, often through the office of the State Superintendent of Schools, consults and advises county boards of education, county superintendents and their staffs, principals, and teachers. Appointed by the Governor, the State Board of Education is composed of ten members. Nine are appointed to five-year terms, and a nonvoting student member serves a one-year term.

With the advice and counsel of the State Superintendent of Schools and the staff of the State Department of Education, the Board prescribes basic policy and guidelines for instruction in public schools. The Board, with the State Superintendent's advice and counsel, also sets the standards for certification of teachers and other professional personnel employed in Maryland schools. If local school districts do not comply with State standards, the Board and the State Superintendent are empowered to recommend the withholding of State funds from those districts.

Educational matters affecting the State and the general care and supervision of public education are entrusted to the State Department of Education. Headed by the State Board of Education, the Department was established in 1916 (Chapter 506, Acts of 1916). It became a principal department of State government in 1976 (Chapter 539, Acts of 1976).

The State Department of Education consists of the State Superintendent of Schools, appointed by the State Board of Education, and the professional staff employed by the Board to assist the Superintendent.

The Department was reorganized in 1988 into three Bureaus: Educational Support; Educational Development; and Vocational Rehabilitation and Correctional Education. Also within the Department are the Education Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions, the Education Coordinating Council for State Hospital Centers and Juvenile Institutions, Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries, the Attendant Care Program Advisory Committee, and the Rehabilitation and Employment Commission.