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The Educational Affairs Division began as the Educational Affairs Section in 1979 and was reorganized as a division in 1984. The Division represents all State educational agencies, institutions, boards, and commissions, including the State Department of Education, the University of Maryland System, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Baltimore City Community College, and the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission. As counsel to this clientele, Division attorneys conduct court litigation and administrative proceedings, and provide advice and preventive law counseling.

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The Division of Securities was established in 1962 (Chapter 1, Acts of 1962). The principal executive officer of the Division is the Securities Commissioner, who is appointed by the Attorney General.

The Securities Commissioner and the Division administer and enforce three Maryland laws: the Maryland Securities Act (Code Corporations and Associations Article, secs. 11-101 through 11-805); the Franchise Registration and Disclosure

Law (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 345-365D); and the Business Opportunities Sales Act (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 401-415). Administration of these acts involves a substantive scheme of regulation imposed by statute and by rule requiring the registration of investment opportunities prior to their offer and sale to the public. In addition, under the Securities Act, a licensing requirement (subject to annual renewals) is imposed on persons engaged in the sale of securities. The Division enforces these laws through a comprehensive statutory framework imposing administrative, civil and criminal standards. The Division uses investigatory powers, administrative hearings and administrative orders, litigation in State and federal courts, and cooperative efforts with State's Attorneys and assistant attorneys general in criminal matters.

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Created in 1976, the Legislative Office provides prompt and authoritative legal advice to legislators, General Assembly support agencies, and the Governor's legislative office. It reviews for constitutionality and legal sufficiency all bills passed by the General Assembly and defends them in court when necessary. The Office also participates in significant constitutional and civil rights litigation.

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