

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 284A, 284B, 284C and 284D be and they are hereby added to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Public Education" to follow immediately after Section 284 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Chapter 27A. State Scholarship Board", and to read as follows:*

*Chapter 27A. State Scholarship Board*

*284A.*

(a) *There is established the State Scholarship Board, consisting of seven persons to be appointed by the Governor. The membership of the Board shall consist of one President of a State college or university, or his nominee; one President of a private college or university, or his nominee; one representative of the public high schools located in the State; and four citizens of the State chosen for their interest in higher education, but not employed by, professionally affiliated with, or members of the governing boards of, any institutions of higher learning located in the State. The Governor shall designate one member as chairman. Each member of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in performing his duties under this sub-title.*

(b) *The term of office of each member is six years from July 1 of the year of appointment and until his successor is appointed and qualified, except that among the members first appointed, two shall be appointed for terms of two years, and two shall be appointed for terms of four years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. If a member's tenure of office is terminated for any reason before his term has expired, the Governor shall fill the vacancy by the appointment of a person who has the same representative status as the person whose term has been so terminated, and the new appointee shall hold office only for the remainder of such term and until his successor is appointed and qualified.*

(c) *The Board shall employ a qualified person as the Executive Director of the Board, and such other employees as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this sub-title. The salaries of such employees and the administrative expenses of the Board shall be as provided in the annual budget.*

(d) *The Board shall meet at least once in each fiscal year, and may meet at such other times as the Chairman may designate.*

*284B.*

*The Board, in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title, shall administer the scholarship programs established in this sub-title; issue public information concerning the provisions of this sub-title; prescribe the form and regulate the submission of applications for such scholarships; conduct conferences and interviews with applicants which may be appropriate in considering the eligibility of applicants; provide for and conduct, or cause to be conducted, examinations of applicants. The Board shall provide for the selection of the best qualified applicants and award the scholarships as provided hereinbelow. The Board is authorized to make all necessary and proper rules, not inconsistent with this sub-title, for the administration of this sub-title.*