

GROWTH AND OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TO MEET TRENDS IN POPULATION AND THE CHANGING SOCIAL AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE ECONOMY;

(2) INVESTIGATION OF THE NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE STATE FOR UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE AND ADULT EDUCATION, FOR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING AND FOR RESEARCH FACILITIES, AND PRESENTATION OF PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND LOCATION OF NEW FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS;

(3) STUDY AND ADVICE REGARDING THE STATEWIDE COORDINATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, ACADEMICALLY, ADMINISTRATIVELY AND FISCALLY, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND ECONOMICAL EMPLOYMENT OF EXISTING EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND OF FOSTERING A CLIMATE OF COOPERATION AND UNIFIED ENDEAVOR IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION.

(4) SUCH OTHER STUDIES AND REPORTS CONCERNING PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION AS THE GOVERNOR OR GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY FROM TIME TO TIME REQUEST.

(B) THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EACH YEAR AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AN ANNUAL REPORT OF ITS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING A REPORT OF THE NATURE, PROGRESS OR RESULT OF ANY STUDIES IT HAS UNDERTAKEN OR COMPLETED, TOGETHER WITH SUCH PLANS OR RECOMMENDATIONS RESPECTING PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

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NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS GRANTING TO THE COUNCIL ANY POWER OTHER THAN OF AN ADVISORY NATURE.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That no presently existing obligation or contract right shall in any way be impaired by the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That wherever in the laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, resolutions and orders of the State, of its political subdivisions, or of any governmental agency or instrumentality of whatever kind, the words "State normal school" or "State teachers' college" occur to designate a school maintaining a four-year course of study, they shall be construed to mean "State college."