

## CHAPTER 582

(Senate Bill 419)

AN ACT to add a new Section 300A to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1964 Supplement), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 31. Community Colleges", to follow immediately after Section 300 thereof; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 301, 303, 304 (a), 304 (c), and 304 (d) of said Article, sub-title "Chapter 31. Community Colleges", authorizing the State Board of Education (subject to local approval) to establish regional community colleges for two or more counties or one or more counties and Baltimore City, establishing the local boards of education as the boards of trustees for such colleges and certain other regional community colleges established under existing laws, generally defining the duties and powers of such boards of trustees, providing for the financing of these colleges generally on a formula of one-third contributions from the State, the local political subdivisions and the students, providing for the financial support of these colleges by the participating political subdivisions on an equal PRO RATA basis, providing for the details of the operations of the regional community colleges, and relating generally to the establishment and operation of certain regional community colleges.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section 300A be and it is hereby added to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1964 Supplement), title "Public Education", sub-title "Chapter 31. Community Colleges", to follow immediately after Section 300 thereof and to read as follows:

**300A.**

*(a) The State Board of Education may establish regional community colleges for two or more counties or for one or more counties and Baltimore City, subject, however, to the prior approval of the county commissioners, county councils, or city council, as the case may be, for each county (or Baltimore City) to comprise the region and to support such regional community college.*

*(b) In the event that, pursuant to sub-section (a) hereof or Section 300 (k) of this sub-title, a regional community college is created for two or more counties or for one or more counties and Baltimore City, the members of the board of education (or, as to Baltimore City, the board of school commissioners) of each county (or Baltimore City) comprising the region and supporting said regional community college shall constitute a board of trustees for the purpose of administration over said regional community college and said board of trustees shall possess all of those powers enumerated in Section 300 of this sub-title. PROVIDED THAT WHENEVER THE PARTICIPATING COUNTIES HAVE DIFFERENT NUMBERS OF MEMBERS ON THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF EDUCATION, REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR ANY COUNTY SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE SMALLEST COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, AND WHENEVER ANY COUNTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON THE*