

shall also elect annually a secretary, who need not be a member of the Board. The secretary shall receive such compensation as may be provided in the budget; and the compensation of the members, the secretary and all expenses of the Board shall be paid from its receipts. The Board shall have the authority to obtain information which it may require in the field of physical therapy and, for that purpose, may secure the advice of experts and consultants to be paid out of the funds of the Board.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted.* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved May 6, 1966.

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CHAPTER 743

(House Bill 614)

AN ACT to add new Section 26A to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 26 thereof, to authorize the counties of the State or any combination of counties to establish regional councils of government to study area problems and formulate solutions thereto, providing generally for the structure, powers, duties and financing of said councils.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 26A be and it is hereby added to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 26 thereof, and to read as follows:

26A.

(a) *The governing bodies of any county, city, town or any combination thereof by resolution may establish and organize a council of governments for the purpose of studying area governmental problems of mutual interest and concern, including such matters as facility studies on sewers and sewage disposal, water, storm drainage, roads, rubbish and garbage disposal, recreation, zoning, parks and ports, and to formulate recommendations for review and action thereon by the member governing bodies.*

(b) *Membership of the council shall consist of one representative from each participating county, city or town. The representative from each member county, city or town shall be the elected chief executive of that particular government or a member of its governing body chosen by such body to be its representative. Any county, city or town which has become a member may withdraw upon 60 days notice subsequent to formal action by the governing body.*

(c) ~~(1)~~ *The council shall have the power to (i) study such area governmental problems common to two or more members of the council as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to matters affecting health, safety, welfare, education, economic conditions, and regional development; (ii) promote cooperative arrangements and*