

CHAPTER 202

(Senate Bill 24)

AN ACT to add a new Section 330 to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1965 Supplement), title "Public Education," to follow immediately after Section 329 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Chapter 37. Educational—CULTURAL Television," providing for the development, operation, and maintenance of a system of State, regional and local education television facilities and programs by the State Department of Education and the several local Departments of Education; creating an Advisory Committee COMMISSION on Educational Television, and providing generally for its membership, powers and duties; and relating generally to the facilities and programs for educational television in this State TO CREATE A MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL—CULTURAL TELEVISION COMMISSION TO DEVELOP, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A STATEWIDE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL TELEVISION SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS, DUTIES, AND COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR PROGRAMS FOR PRIMARY, SECONDARY, AND ADULT EDUCATION IN THE STATE AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMISSION FOR PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF EDUCATIONAL—CULTURAL TELEVISION FACILITIES IN THE STATE, TO PROVIDE FOR FINANCING OF THE SYSTEM AND TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS FOR THE USE OF THE COMMISSION.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 330 be and it is hereby added to Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1965 Supplement), title "Public Education" to follow immediately after Section 329 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Chapter 37. Educational—CULTURAL Television," and to read as follows:

Chapter 37. Educational—CULTURAL Television

330.

(a) Within the limits of budgetary appropriations from time to time, the THE State Department of Education and the several local Departments of Education shall develop, operate, and maintain a system of State, regional, and local educational television facilities and programs in this State, SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AS TO ALL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. These facilities and programs shall be designed and conducted as being complementary to the system of public education in this State, and to foster and encourage the diffusion of knowledge and the improvement of the educational, cultural, and esthetic life and values of the people of this State. The facilities shall not be used for and the programs shall not be devoted to a presentation of biased or one-sided aspects of partisan politics, or