

(6) To coordinate relationships among the community colleges to assure the widest possible educational opportunities for the students of the State and the most efficient use of funds;

(7) To facilitate the transfer of students between the community colleges and the University of Maryland, the State colleges, and other institutions of higher education;

(8) To coordinate relationships between the community colleges and the State and local public school systems and the private high schools in order to facilitate cooperation with them in guidance and admission of students to the community colleges and to arrange for the most advantageous use of facilities;

(9) To establish and maintain a system of information and accounting of community college activities;

(10) To provide grants-in-aid for the prompt and adequate planning of new colleges and new programs in existing colleges;

(11) To administer the State's program of support for the community colleges;

(12) To assist and represent the community colleges in seeking and administering federal monies available to them;

(13) To assist the Maryland Advisory Council for Higher Education in its investigation of needs throughout the State and in its preparation of plans and recommendations for the establishment and location of new facilities and programs relating to the community colleges;

(14) To report annually to the General Assembly on the Board's activities and the activities of the community colleges.

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(a) Any local board of education which wishes to be divested of its responsibility for the management and control of the community college or colleges in that political subdivision may request the Governor to appoint a separate board of community college trustees for that political subdivision as provided in this section.

(b) Upon the request of a local board of education as provided in subsection (a) of this section, a local board of community college trustees, composed of seven members, shall be appointed. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint the members of said board for said county, except that in Montgomery County any such board shall be appointed by the county council, and in Baltimore City and such board shall be appointed by the mayor and city council. Of the seven members first appointed to any local board, five shall be appointed for initial terms of from one to five years, respectively, and the sixth and seventh members shall be appointed for initial terms of six years each. As any such appointment expires, and thereafter, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor for a full term of six years. Any member of the board may be appointed to a successive term. Among the initial appointees the appointing authority shall include one member of the board of education for the county or the board of school commissioners for Baltimore City. Any local board of trustees shall organize and select its own chairman from time to time.