

(c) *If a local board is created pursuant to this Section 304B, it shall serve as the board of trustees for all community colleges except regional community colleges, which are situate in the political subdivision.*

305.

Succession Board. The local boards and regional boards of trustees created in this section shall assume, exercise and have the powers, duties and functions of the former local or regional boards of trustees provided for elsewhere in this subtitle. Upon the appointment of any local or regional board of trustees under this section, title to all real and personal property of the community colleges under its jurisdiction shall vest in such local or regional board of trustees.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.*

Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 455

(Senate Bill 4)

AN ACT to add a new Article 26A to the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), to follow immediately after Article 26 thereof, and to be under the new title "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act," to institute an administrative procedure within the State to provide a means of compensating certain victims of crimes and certain citizens who assist in apprehending criminals or assist law enforcement officers in preventing crimes or apprehending criminals, to authorize the creation of a Board for the purposes of implementing these procedures, to provide for the appointment, duties and salary of members of said Board, to establish rules and regulations and procedures to be followed, and to provide generally for the compensation of victims of crimes and certain persons who assist in the prevention of crime.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Article 26A, be and it is hereby added to the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), to be under the new title "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act," and to follow immediately after Article 26 thereof, and to read as follows:*

Article 26A.

Criminal Injuries Compensation Act

1. Declaration of policy and legislative intent.

The legislature recognizes that many innocent persons suffer personal physical injury or death as a result of criminal acts or in their efforts to prevent crime or apprehend persons committing or attempting to commit crimes. Such persons or their dependents