

~~(6)~~ (5) To coordinate library services with other information and educational services and agencies;

~~(7)~~ (6) To administer Federal and State funds appropriated to it by the State for library purposes provided for in this subtitle;

~~(8)~~ (7) To develop and recommend professional standards and policies for libraries;

~~(9)~~ (8) To establish requirements and procedures for the certification of librarians and other library personnel operating under this subtitle;

~~(10)~~ (9) To provide specialized library service to the visually and/or otherwise physically handicapped persons throughout the State, and to develop other specialized library services as desirable;

~~(11)~~ (10) To render, ~~upon request~~ ENCOURAGEMENT, advice and assistance for the establishment, operation and coordination of libraries at State institutions and agencies; and to administer the operation of library and information services for the Department of Education;

~~(12)~~ (11) To promulgate guidelines for the administration of public libraries and to make recommendations to the State Board of Education in regards to rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this subtitle;

~~(13)~~ To establish a program for the distribution of State publications to appropriate libraries within the State; and

~~(14)~~ (12) To perform all other duties necessary for the proper operation of the library division.

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(a) There is hereby created the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries.

(b) The Advisory Council shall consist of eleven members EACH OF WHOM SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE. The Governor shall appoint seven members, at least two of which ONE shall be A library trustee and another two of which TRUSTEE, ONE shall be A professional librarians in the State LIBRARIAN, AND FIVE OF WHICH SHALL BE FROM THE PUBLIC AT LARGE. The other four members shall include the President of the Council on Higher Education, the President of the Enoch Pratt Free Library Board of Trustees, the President of the Maryland Library Association and the Dean of the School of Library and Information Services of the University of Maryland, or their designated representatives.

(c) All members of the Advisory Council shall be entitled to full and equal participation in all the activities of the Advisory Council.

(d) The members of the Advisory Council shall be persons of ability and integrity, experienced in public and/or library affairs. Members shall represent the interests of all citizens of Maryland in better library services.

(e) Of the seven members initially appointed to the Advisory Council, one shall be designated by the Governor for a term expiring