

(1) **[Preparation of]** *Prepare* programs for the orderly growth and overall development of the State system of public higher education to meet trends in population and the changing social and technical requirements of the economy;

(2) **[Investigation of]** *Investigate and evaluate* the needs throughout the State for undergraduate, graduate and adult education, for professional and technical training and for research facilities, and **[presentation of]** *present* plans and recommendations for the establishment and location of new facilities and programs *or for major alterations in existing programs or facilities*;

~~(3) **Approve** RECOMMEND all new degree programs at the doctoral, master's, baccalaureate and associate MASTER'S AND BACCALAUREATE DOCTORAL, MASTER'S, BACCALAUREATE, AND ASSOCIATE levels in all public institutions;~~

[(3)] (4) Study and **[advise]** *make recommendations* regarding the State-wide coordination of the activities of the **[public]** *appropriate agencies, and* institutions of higher learning, academically, administratively and fiscally, with the objective of achieving the most effective and economical employment of existing education facilities and of fostering a climate of cooperation and unified endeavor in the field of public higher education **[.]**;

(5) Set standards to be followed by the public institutions of higher education for the reciprocal acceptance of credits earned by students who transfer between said institutions;

[(4)] (6) **[Securing, evaluating, compiling and tabulating]** *Secure, evaluate, compile and tabulate* data, statistics, and information on all matters pending before or of interest to the Council, from the agencies and institutions having custody of and responsibility therefor; and these several agencies and institutions shall respond to and comply with any reasonable request of the Council for such data, statistics, and information **[.]**;

~~*(7) Articulate higher education programs with the public education programs of the State Board of Education;*~~

~~*(8) (7) Develop plans and programs for interstate and regional cooperation and reciprocal agreements in higher education;*~~

~~*(9) (8) Study and make recommendations regarding the coordination of State and Federal support of higher education;*~~

[5] (10) (9) Make **[Such]** *such* other studies and reports concerning public higher education as the Governor or General Assembly may from time to time request.

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Any institution **[for]**, *board or agency concerned with higher education* which has functions and programs within the scope of the duties, functions, and interests of the Council, and which submits any program, plan or ~~proposals~~ PROPOSAL to any official or agency of this State, shall at the SAME time furnish a copy of the program, plan or proposal to the Council for such recommendations as may be appropriate.