

(B) THE BOARD MAY EMPLOY THE ADDITIONAL STAFF PROVIDED FOR IN THE STATE BUDGET. THE COMMISSIONER AND ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN AND ~~[[MAY]]~~ SHALL BECOME MEMBERS OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. HOWEVER, EMPLOYEES HOLDING POSITIONS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD ~~[[OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM]]~~ TO BE PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS MAY, IN LIEU OF THIS MEMBERSHIP, BECOME MEMBERS OF AN OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR IN §217 OF ARTICLE 77.

30. DUTIES OF BOARD; DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN.

(A) THE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE STATE, SHALL INVESTIGATE AND EVALUATE ON A CONTINUING BASIS:

(1) THE PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE STATE FOR POSTSECONDARY TRAINING AND RESEARCH FACILITIES; AND

(2) THE PRESENT AND FUTURE CAPABILITIES OF THE VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN MARYLAND TO MEET THOSE NEEDS.

(B) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE STATE, THE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AN OVERALL PLAN, SETTING FORTH ON BOTH A LONG RANGE AND SHORT RANGE BASIS, THE OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND METHODS AND GUIDELINES FOR ACHIEVING AND MAINTAINING THOSE OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES. THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE AN IDENTIFICATION OF THE ROLE, FUNCTION, AND MISSION OF EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE STATE. THE BOARD SHALL ALSO DEVELOP SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR CHANGING THE STATUS, NAME, OR METHOD OF GOVERNANCE OF THESE INSTITUTIONS. IF AND AS ANY OF THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION QUALIFY FOR ANY OF THESE CHANGES UNDER THE CRITERIA ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, THE BOARD SHALL MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(C) THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT ITS INITIAL PLAN TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY JULY 1, 1978, AND SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF IT BY EACH JULY 1, THEREAFTER. THE INITIAL PLAN AND THE ANNUAL REVIEW SHALL INCLUDE A REPORT ON THE STATUS AND NEEDS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN MARYLAND.

31. DUTIES OF BOARD; COORDINATION AND APPROVAL OF PUBLIC PROGRAMS.

(A) THE BOARD SHALL COORDINATE THE OVERALL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN MARYLAND. IT SHALL, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, CONSULT WITH THE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY ITS