

FUNDS.

32. DUTIES OF BOARD; MISCELLANEOUS

(A) THE BOARD SHALL CONSTITUTE THE STATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION UNDER TITLE XII OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

(B) THE BOARD SHALL ADMINISTER STATE FUNDS FOR PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND ASSURE THAT THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH FUNDS WERE APPROPRIATED ARE MET.

(C) THE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR INTERSTATE AND REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM, INCLUDING RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS.

(D) THE BOARD MAY SECURE, COMPILE, AND EVALUATE DATA, STATISTICS, AND INFORMATION ON ANY MATTER WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION FROM PERSONS, AGENCIES, AND INSTITUTIONS SUBJECT TO ITS AUTHORITY ON FORMS PRESCRIBED BY IT. IT MAY, THROUGH ITS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES, VISIT [[AND INSPECT]] AT ANY REASONABLE TIMES, AND CONDUCT REASONABLE INSPECTIONS OF ANY INSTITUTION SUBJECT TO ITS JURISDICTION.

(E) THE BOARD SHALL PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS ARE DELEGATED TO IT IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

(F) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

(G) THE STATUS OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, STATE COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY SHALL NOT BE CHANGED, AS TO ITS NAME OR GOVERNANCE, EXCEPT UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE BOARD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. HOWEVER, IN NO INSTANCE MAY THE STATUS OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, STATE COLLEGE, OR STATE UNIVERSITY BE CHANGED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

32A. DUTIES OF BOARD; APPROVAL AND ACCREDITATION

(A) AS USED IN THIS SECTION "INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION" MEANS A SCHOOL OR OTHER INSTITUTION THAT OFFERS AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE FOR PERSONS 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM OR LEFT ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ADULT EDUCATION, EVENING HIGH SCHOOL, OR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCE PROGRAM CONDUCTED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OF THE STATE.

(B) THE BOARD SHALL PRESCRIBE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUING CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS, AND DEGREES BY THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN MARYLAND. AN INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION MAY NOT ISSUE A CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA, OR DEGREE WITHOUT HAVING FIRST OBTAINED THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD