

controversies and disputes that arise under it, and their decision shall be final; and the secretary of the State Board of Education shall have authority to administer oaths, in any part of the State, to witnesses in any matter pending before said Board.]

11.

[(a) The State Board of Education shall prescribe, with and on the advice of the State Superintendent of Schools, bylaws, rules and regulations for approval and accreditation of all public schools.

(b) The State Board of Education shall prescribe the minimum requirements for issuing all certificates and diplomas, and academic, collegiate, professional, or university degrees. No public or private educational institution, except those secondary educational institutions operated by a bona fide church organization, may issue any certificate or diploma or academic, collegiate, professional, or university degree without having first obtained the assent of the State Board of Education and approval of the Board of the conditions of entrance, scholarship, and residence upon which the certificate, diploma or degree is issued. Unless granted a certificate of approval by the State Board of Education, no secondary institution which issues a diploma or certificate shall be eligible to receive State funds. This section does not apply to apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs subject to approval by the Apprenticeship and Training Council. There shall be no discrimination as to race, color, or national origin pursuant to this section.]

12.

[(a) Every private school or educational institution, however designated, which offers a program of college, professional, preparatory, high school, junior high school, elementary, kindergarten, or nursery school work, or any combination thereof, or which offers a program of trade or technical education, or both, or which gives preemployment or supplementary training, or both, in the fields of trade or industry, and any and every private school or educational institution, except those operated by bona fide church organizations, must secure a certificate of approval issued by the State Superintendent of Schools, before it may begin or continue to operate or function in this State. Bona fide church organizations shall include those schools known as Amish and Mennonite church parochial schools in Charles, Garrett, and St. Mary's counties. Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as having application to any school or college that is now operating under a charter granted by the legislature of Maryland. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to any apprenticeship or training programs the cost of which is paid from a trust fund administered jointly by an equal