

- (I) SELECT, ORGANIZE, AND DIRECT THE STAFF OF THE COMMISSION;
- AND
- (II) PERFORM THE DUTIES THE COMMISSION ASSIGNS;
- THE COMMISSION ARE CARRIED OUT;
- AND
- (IV) SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSION;
- AND
- (V) BE A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

(2) (I) AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST THE SALARY FOR THE SECRETARY AS--RECOMMENDED--BY--THE COMMISSION.

(2) (II) THE COMMISSIONER SECRETARY IS ENTITLED TO THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(C) THE COMMISSIONER SECRETARY MAY HIRE THE ADDITIONAL STAFF PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(D) (1) EACH EMPLOYEE OF THE COMMISSION SHALL JOIN THE STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT PENSION SYSTEM OR THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PENSION SYSTEM.

(2) ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE COMMISSION WHO IS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER SECRETARY TO HOLD A PROFESSIONAL POSITION MAY JOIN THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM UNDER ARTICLE 73B, § 110 OF THE CODE.

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(A) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER POWERS GRANTED AND DUTIES IMPOSED BY THIS TITLE AND SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY LAW, THE COMMISSION HAS THE POWERS AND DUTIES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

(B) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL COORDINATE THE OVERALL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

(2) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNING BOARDS AND AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE STATE, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER--AND--EVALUATE--ON--AN--ONGOING-BASIS DEVELOP AND PERIODICALLY UPDATE AN OVERALL PLAN CONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER THAT SHALL IDENTIFY:

(I) THE PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH THROUGHOUT THE STATE;