

(7) THE STATE'S BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR EXISTING AND EMERGING MANUFACTURERS MUST BE COMPREHENSIVE, RANGING ACROSS MARKETING, TECHNOLOGY, FINANCING, JOB TRAINING, AND OTHER NEEDS OF MANUFACTURING, AND MUST BE READILY AVAILABLE ACROSS ALL REGIONS OF THE STATE.

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(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVENESS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE, AND 24 MEMBERS APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND;

(2) TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES; AND

(3) TWENTY MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR.

(C) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT VOTE ON MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION RELATING TO THE EXERCISE OF THE SOVEREIGN POWERS OF STATE.

(D) ~~OF~~ THE 20 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY SHALL REFLECT THE GENDER AND RACIAL MAKEUP OF THE POPULATION OF THE STATE, AND OF THOSE MEMBERS:

(1) FOUR MEMBERS SHALL SERVE AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVES OF UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING:

(I) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(II) THE SECRETARY OF LICENSING AND REGULATION OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(III) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OR THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE; AND

(IV) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION; AND

(2) ~~TWO~~ ONE SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVES A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS INSTITUTION IN THE STATE;

(3) ~~ONE~~ TWO SHALL BE ~~A REPRESENTATIVE~~ REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZED LABOR;

(4) TWELVE SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVES OF MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES AND SHOULD GENERALLY REFLECT THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: