

~~(5)~~ (V) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, SHALL ASSURE THAT STATE FUNDS FOR THE REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTERS ARE SPENT PRUDENTLY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE GUIDELINES.

(2) WITH RESPECT TO THE REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTERS ADMINISTERED BY THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND SHALL ASSURE THAT STATE FUNDS FOR THE REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTERS ARE SPENT PRUDENTLY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE GUIDELINES.

~~[(d)]~~(E) (1) The Commission is the State Postsecondary Education Commission under Title XII of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

(2) The Commission is the State approving agency for purposes of implementing educational benefit programs administered by the Veterans Administration.

(3) The Commission is responsible for receiving and allocating federal funds which, under federal law or regulation, must be allocated among segments by a statewide authority.

~~[(e)]~~(F) (1) The Commission is responsible for:

(i) Developing a program of desegregation and equal educational opportunity, including developing an enhancement plan, for historically African American colleges and universities;

(ii) Monitoring the progress made under, and assuring compliance with, the goals, measures, and commitments contained in the desegregation and equal education opportunity plan;

(iii) Making recommendations concerning needed resources for achieving the goals and objectives under this subsection;

(iv) Requiring reports from each governing board concerning progress toward equal opportunity in all activities and programs under its jurisdiction; and

(v) Reporting to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly regarding the progress of compliance with desegregation and equal education opportunity plans.

(2) In carrying out its responsibilities under this subsection, the Commission may:

(i) Designate a division or office to coordinate and monitor the equal opportunity activities of public institutions of higher education in the State;

(ii) Require the governing boards of public institutions of higher education to submit plans, reports, and data, in the format and using such forms as the Commission prescribes; and

(iii) Evaluate the effectiveness of institutional efforts and methods.