

(2) SHALL ADMINISTER PROGRAMS OF STATE SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES;

(3) SHALL ASSIST AND REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN SEEKING AND ADMINISTERING FEDERAL MONEYS AVAILABLE TO THEM;

(4) MAY DESIGNATE ANY COMMUNITY COLLEGE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM AS A STATEWIDE OR REGIONAL PROGRAM;

(5) SHALL ASSURE THAT COURSES AND PROGRAMS OFFERED ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE MISSION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES;

(6) SHALL ASSURE THAT STATE FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE SPENT PRUDENTLY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE GUIDELINES;

(7) SHALL PROVIDE CENTRALIZED DATA PROCESSING ASSISTANCE; AND

(8) SHALL COORDINATE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES, THE STATE AND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS, AND THE PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS TO:

(I) FACILITATE COOPERATION AMONG THEM IN THE GUIDANCE AND ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES; AND

(II) ARRANGE FOR THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS USE OF FACILITIES.

[(c)] (D) (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.

[(d)] (E) (1) The Commission is responsible for:

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