

(1) Review any educational program offered at a public or nonpublic institution of postsecondary education in the State that receives State funds; and

(2) Establish guidelines relating to matters of general educational policy.

[(i)] (K) Subject to the provisions of Title 18 of this article, the Commission shall administer the various scholarship, grant-in-aid, and tuition assistance programs established by law.

[(j)] (L) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Commission shall administer existing programs for interstate and regional cooperation, including reciprocity agreements on matters that affect postsecondary education, and may propose such new programs as it deems appropriate to the educational needs of the State.

(2) (i) This paragraph shall apply only to[:

1. A public senior higher education institution; and

2. Any institution of postsecondary education under the State Board of Community Colleges] A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(ii) In order to provide higher educational opportunities at minimum cost to students and the State, the Commission is authorized to participate in the Southern Regional Education Board Interstate Agreement, also known as the Academic Common Market, to provide an opportunity for qualified nonresident students to enroll in selected programs and curricula on a resident tuition and fee charge basis.

(iii) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the Commission is specifically authorized to create guidelines for the waiver of the collection of nonresident tuition and fee charges for students from other states that are enrolled in programs and curricula approved by the Commission as part of a regional or interstate agreement.

(iv) Before participating in any interstate agreement under this subsection, the Commission shall consult with:

1. The Board of Regents of the University of Maryland System;

2. The Board of Regents of Morgan State University;

3. The Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland;

and

4. [The State Board for Community Colleges] THE AFFECTED COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

(v) Any interstate reciprocal agreement entered into by the Commission involving the states of Pennsylvania and West Virginia shall supersede the provisions of § 16-407 of this article to the extent that the provisions of § 16-407 of this article are inconsistent with the reciprocal interstate agreement.