

(4) Report annually to the Governor, the business community, and the general public on:

(i) Policies that the State should pursue to strengthen vocational-technical education with particular attention to programs for the handicapped; and

(ii) Initiatives and methods that the private sector could undertake to assist in the modernization of vocational-technical education programs;

(5) Consult with the State Board of Education on the establishment of evaluation criteria for vocational-technical programs;

(6) At least once every 2 years:

(i) Evaluate the vocational-technical education delivery systems assisted under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act and under the Job Training Partnership Act, in terms of their adequacy and effectiveness in achieving the purpose of the 2 acts;

(ii) Make recommendations to the State Board of Education on the adequacy and effectiveness of the coordination between the Vocational Education Act and the Job Training Partnership Act; and

(iii) Advise the Governor, the State Board of Education, the Governor's Employment and Training Council, the U.S. Secretary of Education, and the U.S. Secretary of Labor on the recommendations and findings resulting from the Council's evaluation;

(7) [Advise:

(i) The] ADVISE THE Maryland Higher Education Commission in developing and evaluating vocational-technical programs, services, and facilities]; and

(ii) The State Board for Community Colleges on vocational-technical programs, services, and activities];

(8) If requested, provide technical assistance to county education agencies, institutions of postsecondary education, and county advisory councils on establishing and operating county advisory councils;

(9) Publish and distribute an annual report that addresses all significant activities of the Council during the fiscal year covered by the report;

(10) Make other studies and furnish reports on vocational-technical education in this State:

(i) On its own initiative; or

(ii) If requested by the Governor or the General Assembly; and

(11) Accept and administer gifts, grants, and appropriations from the federal government or any other person on the terms and conditions provided by law.