

A group of diverse professionals, including men and women of various ethnicities, are gathered around a table in what appears to be a library or office setting. They are smiling and engaged in conversation, looking at each other and at documents on the table. The background shows bookshelves filled with books.

Workgroup to Study Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission

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Workgroup Launch Meeting | October 28, 2019

Legislative Charge from Senate Bill 1030



The Workgroup shall study and make recommendations regarding the capability of the Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to carry out their responsibilities and duties and to implement The Blueprint for Maryland's Future described in Title 1, Subtitle 3 of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

On or before December 31, 2019, the Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

MSDE Current Statutory Responsibilities

1-201. A general system of free public schools.

1. 2-102. Head of the Department is the State Board of Education.

2-106. Department has authority over:

(1) Matters of elementary and secondary education

(2) General care and supervision of public elementary and secondary education

2-205. (b) The State Board shall determine the elementary and secondary educational policies of the State.

2-205. (g)(2) Through the State Superintendent, the State Board shall exercise general control and supervision over the public schools and educational interests of the State.

2-205. (h)(1) With the advice of the State Superintendent, the State Board shall establish basic policy and guidelines for the program of instruction for the public schools.

2-205. (q) (1) The State Board shall coordinate the overall growth and development of the elementary and secondary education in this state.

2-303. (c) The State Superintendent shall carry out the educational policies of the State Board.

Discussion Overview



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Definition of Implementation



People, Resources, Structure, and Systems

- **People:** Staffing levels and physical capacity
- **Resources:** Funding, offices, space
- **Structure:** Organizational make-up, evaluation, and authority in accountability
- **Systems:** Data collection, reporting databases

Next Steps & Future Agenda Items



- A letter requesting an extension of the Workgroup was sent to presiding officers.
- The next meeting will include an in-depth review of MSDE's current structure and duties.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 19, 2019
2:00pm – 4:00pm

3 West Miller Senate Office Building
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Conclusion



Reflections?