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(a) Community College. Colleges established and operated either individually or jointly, by counties, a community college region, cities, intermediate school districts, or school districts approved by the State University trustees pursuant to the provisions of article 126 of the Education Law.

(b) College trustees. The local board of trustees charged by law to administer the college or colleges.

(c) Local Sponsor. The local sponsoring agency, such as a county, a community college region, a city or a board of education which, with the State, students and other counties, supplies the basic fiscal support for the college.

(d) State University trustees. The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York which is legally responsible for coordinating the program of the individual colleges.

**§ 600.2 Introduction.**

The Education Law of New York State provides that the State University trustees shall provide standards and regulations covering the organization and operation of community colleges. In summary, article 126 of the New York State Education Law prescribes that:

(a) The local sponsor shall be responsible for establishing the college, providing local financing, accepting title to college property to be held in trust for the college's use and purposes, approving the budget total, and selecting the prescribed procedures for the audit of college funds.

(b) The State University trustees shall be responsible for approving the establishment of the community college and of its programs, curricula and budgets, and for providing standards and regulations to guide and govern its operation.

(c) The college trustees with the approval of the State University trustees shall be responsible for the appointment of the president, adoption of the curricula and preparation of the budget; and, subject to the general supervision of the State University trustees, shall discharge such other duties as may be appropriate or necessary for the effective operation of the college.