

Annual Report to Governor due within first ninety days of each fiscal year.

The Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority was created in 1970 (Chapter 408, Acts of 1970). The Authority assists hospitals and institutions of higher education with financing for construction, site acquisition, and capital equipment. Private nonprofit health and higher educational facilities may use the Authority as a vehicle to issue tax-exempt bonds and thereby pay a lower rate of interest.

The Authority consists of nine members. Eight are appointed to five-year terms by the Governor. The State Treasurer serves ex officio. Annually, the Governor designates the chair and vice-chair. With the Governor's approval, the Authority names the Executive Director (Code 1957, Art. 43C).

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BUDGET (CODE DA0507, formerly 23.01.05.07)

Funds	FY1994 (actual)	FY1995 (actual)	FY1996 (approp.)
General	\$1,061,526	\$ 971,513	\$1,063,794
Special	\$ 62,090	\$ 62,090	\$ 55,800
Total Funds	\$1,061,526	\$1,033,603	\$1,119,594
Staff			
Authorized	14	15	15
Contractual (FTE)	3	2	2
Total Staff	17	17	17

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

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The Health Claims Arbitration Office was established in 1976 (Chapter 235, Acts of 1976). For any person asserting a medical injury claim against a health care provider for damages in excess of \$20,000, the claim must be filed with the Office.

The Director notifies all affected parties and supplies a list of qualified arbitrators, six from each of three categories: 1) attorneys; 2) health care providers; and 3) persons from the general public

who are neither attorneys, health care providers, nor in the employ of insurance interests. From each of these categories, one mutually agreed upon arbitrator is chosen to sit on a three-person arbitration panel. That panel determines who is liable with respect to the claim and, if a health care provider is liable, considers and assesses damages. The panel decision is final, unless rejected by any party. To reverse or modify the award, the rejecting party must file an appeal with the Circuit Court.

The Director is appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent (Code Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, sec. 3-2A-03).

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BUDGET (CODE RI00, formerly 36.09.00)

Funds	FY1994 (actual)	FY1995 (actual)	FY1996 (approp.)
General	\$170,358,607	\$177,532,520	\$194,754,961
Special	\$ 1,552,783	\$ 600,495	\$ 1,051,500
Federal	\$ 2,949,405	\$ 3,832,348	\$ 2,844,751
Total Funds	\$174,860,795	\$181,965,363	\$198,651,212
Staff			
Authorized	68.5	68.50	74.0
Contractual (FTE)	1.2	2.49	2.4
Total Staff	69.7	70.99	76.4

HISTORICAL EVOLUTION

Advisory Council on Higher Education, 1963-68
 Maryland Council on Higher Education, 1968-76
 State Board for Higher Education, 1976-88
 Maryland Higher Education Commission, 1988—

MANDATED REPORTS

- Annual Report to Governor & General Assembly on Performance Accountability Plans.*
- Annual Report to General Assembly on extenuating circumstances of appeals granted in renewal of Distinguished Scholar Awards due Jan. 1.*
- Annual Report to Senate Budget & Taxation Committee & House Appropriations Committee on tuition waiver & remission.*
- Annual Report to Senate Economic & Environmental Affairs Committee & House Ways & Means Committee on Educational Excellence Award Program due Sept. 1.*
- Annual Report of Maryland Fire-Rescue Education & Training Commission to Governor, General Assembly, & Secretary of Higher Education.*