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(a) (1) In consultation with the presidents of the constituent institutions, the Chancellor shall develop an overall plan that:

(i) Is consistent with the statewide plan for higher education in accordance with the Charter and with the mission statements approved by the Commission;

(ii) Sets forth both long-range and short-range goals, objectives, and priorities for postsecondary education, research, and service provided by the University of Maryland System and methods and guidelines for achieving and maintaining them;

(iii) Enhances the mission of the University of Maryland at College Park as the State's flagship campus with programs and faculty nationally and internationally recognized for excellence in research and the advancement of knowledge;

(iv) Maintains a coordinated Higher Education Center for Research and Graduate and Professional Study in the Baltimore area;

(v) Recognizes the need to enhance its historically black institutions;

(vi) Affirms the need for increased access for economically-disadvantaged and minority students;

(vii) Encourages and supports high quality undergraduate and teacher preparation programs on its campuses; [and]

(viii) Stimulates outreach to the community and the State through close relationships with public elementary and secondary schools, business and industry, and governmental agencies; AND

~~(IX) ENHANCES THE MISSION OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AS THE STATE'S CAMPUS FOR CONTINUING HIGHER EDUCATION AND AFFIRMS ITS ROLE IN MAINTAINING AN EDUCATED WORK FORCE IN MARYLAND.~~

(IX) ADDRESSES AND RESPONDS TO CONTINUING HIGHER EDUCATION NEEDS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AN EDUCATED WORK FORCE IN MARYLAND.

(2) The Board shall review, modify, as necessary, and approve the overall plan.

(3) By July 1 of each year, the Board shall submit to the Maryland Higher Education Commission, to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly an annual review of the plan.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland System shall undertake a study of the appropriate method and funding level of University College in relation to other continuing education