

BALTIMORE IS BASED ON THE FINDINGS AND POLICIES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

~~(B) (1) IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE TO ENSURE THAT ACCESS TO QUALITY HIGHER EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE TO ALL CITIZENS OF THE STATE.~~

(B) (1) BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL THOSE WHO SEEK AND QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION, THE CREATION OF A NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN BALTIMORE CITY WOULD REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD THIS END.

(2) THERE IS A NEED FOR AN EFFECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE URBAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN BALTIMORE CITY OFFERING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT WILL STIMULATE THE PARTICIPATION OF INDIVIDUALS, BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND AFFORD OPEN ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS WITH A VARIETY OF EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUNDS.

(3) BUSINESSES IN THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA ARE UNDERGOING AN ECONOMIC TRANSITION AND NEED AND MUST BE READY TO MAKE EXTENSIVE USE OF AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR AN EFFECTIVE, WELL-MANAGED URBAN INSTITUTION TO TRAIN AND EDUCATE THEIR EMPLOYEES AND PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES IN SKILLS AND FIELDS OF STUDY OF IMPORTANCE TO THE REGION'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

(4) THE CITY OF BALTIMORE DOES NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO FUND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE AT A LEVEL SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS OF A LARGE URBAN POPULATIONS POPULATION IN CRITICAL NEED OF ITS SERVICES, AS WELL AS THE NEEDS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

(5) IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT TO MAKE THE NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT COMPREHENSIVE URBAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SPECIAL ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND SYSTEM OF MANAGEMENT, QUALITY AND RANGE OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, RESOURCE LEVELS AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT, AND THE STAFFING PATTERNS OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

(6) IT IS FURTHER RECOGNIZED THAT A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS ESSENTIAL TO ATTAIN THE REQUISITE LEVEL OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO CREATE AND SUSTAIN A QUALITY INSTITUTION THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO THE TECHNOLOGICAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION NEEDS OF BUSINESSES.

(C) (1) TO ASSURE THE FULFILLMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF CREATING THE NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE, A