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(b) Upon receipt of the petition, the State Board for Community Colleges shall make a written finding of fact addressed to the Board of Public Works, in the form of a recommendation to that Board advising it which of the requests for financial assistance made by any of the counties or by the City of Baltimore should be allowed and which should be denied. In making the finding of fact, the State Board for Community Colleges, at the request of the Board of Public Works will determine a priority of need for public junior or community colleges as between any one or more counties in the State and the City of Baltimore. No grant of financial assistance will be allowed until such grant has been finally ratified and approved by the Board of Public Works, which will certify the allocation of State funds to the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller who will issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the State to make such funds available to the county or city when needed for construction of the project. The decision of the Board of Public Works in this regard will be made in such form as the Board deems advisable and proper and such decision shall be final and conclusive upon all parties concerned.

(c) The amount of financial assistance granted to any one or more counties or to the City of Baltimore under the terms and conditions of this Act for any public junior or community college project shall be an amount determined either by multiplying the total construction costs, including site acquisition and development, by the percentage equal to the State percentage share of basic current expenses for the county or City of Baltimore, calculated, pursuant to Section 128A(c)(4) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement), as the same may be amended from time to time, or by an amount not to exceed one-half of the total construction costs including site acquisition and development, whichever is the greater amount, subject to the limitation that the State may share in these total costs of construction and/or site acquisition and development up to but not in excess of \$8,000 times the proposed capacity of the college in number of students, the eligible State share to be calculated as follows: \$6,000 times the proposed capacity of the college, less the total costs of projects at that college approved by the Board of Public Works prior to the effective date of this act, the result of this calculation to be multiplied by a factor of \$8,000 divided by \$6,000.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all proceeds received from any county or the city of