

annual total State appropriation for its share of current expenses; requiring this final computation to be provided to the Governor on or before a certain date pursuant to the normal budget procedure; authorizing certain actions by the local subdivisions; clarifying language; providing that this Act is contingent upon certain other legislation; and generally relating to the State's share of the current expenses of community colleges and the mechanism for determining such share in the normal budget procedure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 77A - Higher Education
Sections 7 and 7B
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 7 and 7B of Article 77A - Higher Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 77A - Higher Education

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(a) Each community college or regional community college operating under the provisions of this subtitle shall be financed up to the maximum amounts provided in § 7 (b) on the general basis of receiving [fifty percent (50%)] 50 PERCENT of its current expenses from the State, [twenty-eight percent (28%)] 28 PERCENT from the county or counties (or Baltimore City) for which it is established, and [twenty-two percent (22%)] 22 PERCENT from fees and charges required from students at the community college. In this computation, "current expenses," shall be the product of the per-student operating cost for the current fiscal year multiplied by the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in the current fiscal year. For the purposes of determining the State share of financing, the number of full-time equivalent students shall be computed by dividing the student credit hours produced in the fiscal year by [thirty (30)] 30. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit a county or counties or the City of Baltimore from authorizing and appropriating additional amounts for current expenses and from increasing the local governing body's share of such additional current expenses above [twenty-eight percent (28%)] 28 PERCENT.

(b) Beginning for the State's fiscal year which commences on July 1, [1973] 1977, the Governor shall place in the State budget an item to pay the State's