BY adding to

Article - Education Section 16-409 Annotated Code of Maryland (As enacted by Charter of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1978)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 16-409 of Article - Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter\_\_\_ of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1978) be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1978) be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

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16-409-

- (A) THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES SHALL ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR FINANCIAL RECORD KEEPING AND THE PREPARATION OF ANNUAL AUDIT REPORTS BY THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES. THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SHALL COMPLY WITH THE GUIDELINES OF THE STATE BOARD.
- (A) (E) EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE SHALL HAVE AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF ITS BOOKS OF ACCOUNTS, ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES AND PRINCIPLES, AND OTHER FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL METHODS AND PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES AS PRESCRIEED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES WITH THE GENCURRENCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR. A COPY OF THE AUDIT REPORT, TOGETHER WITH THE RELATED MANAGEMENT LETTER, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE CLOSE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR. THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES SHALL ASCERTAIN THAT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE AUDITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.
- (B) THE-COMMUNITY-COLLEGES-SHALL-GOMPLY-WITH-ALL-THE AUDIT--RECOMMENDATIONS--INCLUDED--IN-THE-AUDIT-REPORTS-AND RELATED -- MANAGEMENT LETTERS. IF -- A -- COMMUNITY -- COLLEGE ESTABLISHES -- TO -- THE -- SATISFACTION -- OF -- THE -- STATE BOARD FOR CCMMUNITY-COLLEGES THAT-A-RECOMMENDATION
- (C) IF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE ESTABLISHES TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES THAT A RECOMMENDATION IN AN AUDIT REPORT OR RELATED MANAGEMENT LETTER SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED THE BOARD SHALL NOTIFY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR OF THE REASONS FOR NOT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATION. WITH DUE NOTICE TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE STATE BOARD FOR HIGHER