

(13) One community college president, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;

(14) The Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges;

(15) Four members of the business community, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, from among the following organizations:

- (i) The Technology Council of Maryland;
- (ii) The Maryland Business Roundtable for Education;
- (iii) The Maryland Chamber of Commerce;
- (iv) The Greater Washington Board of Trades;
- (v) The Greater Baltimore Committee; and
- (vi) The President's Roundtable, Inc.; and

(16) Three members of the public, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, one of whom must have experience in business, finance, or management.

(c) The chairman of the Commission shall be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

(d) The Commission shall review the report issued by Van de Water Consulting, Inc., hired by the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop an effective statewide framework for higher education funding as recommended in the 2004 Maryland State Plan for Postsecondary Education.

(e) The Commission shall review options and make recommendations relating to the establishment of a consistent and stable funding mechanism to ensure accessibility and affordability while at the same time promoting policies to achieve national eminence at all of Maryland's public institutions of higher education.

(f) The Commission shall review options and make recommendations relating to the appropriate level of funding for the State's Historically Black Institutions to ensure that they are comparable and competitive with other public institutions.

(g) The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2007.

(h) The staff for the Commission shall be provided and coordinated by the Department of Legislative Services. The Department of Budget and Management, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and the University System of Maryland shall also assign staff to assist the Commission.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006, and shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 10