

CHAPTER 246

(Senate Bill 459)

AN ACT concerning

Administration Action Plan for Higher Education - 1988

FOR the purpose of reforming the system of coordination and governance of the institutions and segments of higher education in the State of Maryland; establishing the Maryland Charter for Higher Education that sets forth a statement of public policy for public postsecondary colleges and universities in the State and establishes the principles on which postsecondary education in Maryland is should be based; abolishing the State Board for Higher Education and replacing that Board with the Maryland Higher Education Commission (Commission); providing for the membership, qualifications, compensation, terms, and officers of the Commission; providing for a Commissioner Secretary of Higher Education appointed by the Governor and subject to the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland; providing for the powers, duties, salary, and staffing authority of the Secretary of Higher Education; providing for the powers of the Commission over the growth and development of postsecondary education in the State, missions, certificates of approval, the College Park campus of the University of Maryland and the institutions of the University of Maryland in the Baltimore region, equal educational opportunity, research, budgets, the review of educational programs, and other areas of responsibility; requiring the governing boards of the public colleges and universities in the State and certain agencies to submit to the Commission for review their annual operating budget requests and proposals for capital projects; requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning, to present to the Governor, on or before a certain date, a consolidated operating and capital budget for higher education that includes certain information; requiring the Commission to comment on the overall level of funding for higher education; authorizing the Commission to comment regarding funding priorities among the segments of higher education; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget for a certain fiscal year a certain amount of general fund support; providing that for a certain fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, it is the goal of the State that public senior higher education institutions be funded at a level at least equal to a certain percentage of the funding guidelines set by the Commission; at least certain amounts of general fund State support for each public senior higher education institution; requiring the president of each public institution of higher education to develop a mission statement, a performance accountability plan, and a