

staff of the University of Maryland System. In implementing the consolidation of the staffs, the Board of Regents may not increase during fiscal 1989 the salaries of individuals who served in administrative positions on the Board of Trustees beyond the level of salaries authorized in the fiscal year 1989 budget, including the cost of living adjustment and any annual salary review.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That every person who, as of June 30, 1988, is employed on the staff of the State Board for Higher Education or the State Scholarship Board, including the Executive Director of the State Scholarship Board, in a position authorized by the State budget, is hereby transferred to the staff of the Maryland Higher Education Commission, effective July 1, 1988, unless and until the Maryland Higher Education Commission eliminates such position. The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall examine the positions on the staff of the Commission and shall take action, not later than October 1, December 31, 1988, either to approve, eliminate, or modify each position. The salaries of individuals employed on the staff of the State Board of Higher Education and the State Scholarship Board may not be increased during fiscal year 1989 beyond the level of salaries authorized in the fiscal year 1989 budget, including the cost of living adjustment and any annual salary review or an adjustment for a classified position in salary grade 21 or below pursuant to rules and regulations of the Department of Personnel. The salary of the acting Secretary of Higher Education shall be the salary as authorized for the Commissioner of Higher Education during fiscal year 1989. The salary of the Secretary of Higher Education shall be submitted to and approved by the Legislative Policy Committee prior to recruiting for the position. This Act may not be construed to affect the retirement status of any person who, as of June 30, 1988, is employed by the State Board for Higher Education or the State Scholarship Board and who is transferred to the staff of the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That every person in a clerical position who, as of June 30, 1988, is employed by the University of Maryland, the Board of Trustees of State Universities and Colleges, the State Board for Higher Education, or the State Scholarship Board and is affected by a geographic relocation under this Act, shall be given the option, to the extent possible, of transferring to another position in State service in the same geographic area of current employment without any change or loss of rights, benefits, or entitlements, including, if any, retirement status, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act. Every person who, as of June 30, 1988, is a classified employee of the University of Maryland, the Board of Trustees of State Universities and Colleges, or an institution formerly under its jurisdiction is hereby transferred