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(a) ~~The provisions of this Act, being necessary for the welfare of the State and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof.~~

(b) ~~The provisions of this Act are severable, and if any of such provisions shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.~~

SECTION 25. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the initial overall plan required to be developed adopted by the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland system under § 12-1069(a) of the Education Article, as enacted by this Act, shall be prepared by the Board by July 1, 1989.

SECTION 26. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That except as to the Maryland Higher Education Commission, Morgan State University and St. Mary's College of Maryland has have all of the authority and all of the powers, rights, and privileges to manage and conduct its their affairs as it they held on June 30, 1988.

SECTION 27. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act exempting from the examination applicants who are planning to attend, or are attending, a Maryland community college shall be construed prospectively and shall be applicable to those applying for a scholarship award during fiscal year 1989 for the 1989-1990 academic year.

SECTION 28. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That during fiscal year 1989, "low and moderate family income" shall mean an annual family income of \$25,000 or less, and in subsequent years the State Scholarship Administration shall develop regulations defining "low and moderate family income".

SECTION 29. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that during fiscal year 1989, the Board of Public Works make available to the Maryland Higher Education Commission from the General Emergency Fund through the budget amendment process an amount not exceeding \$50,000 as needed for the development of computer software to assist the State Scholarship Administration to implement the distribution of General State Scholarship Funds to students of families with low and moderate incomes during the 1988-1989 academic year.