

providing for the applicability of inconsistent provisions of law; and generally relating to the power of the Maryland Higher Education Commission to enter into certain interstate agreements for certain purposes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education
Section 11-105(j) and 16-407
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

11-105.

(j) (1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Commission shall administer existing programs for interstate and regional cooperation, including reciprocity agreements on matters that affect postsecondary education, and may propose such new programs as it deems appropriate to the educational needs of the State.

(2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL APPLY ONLY TO:

1. A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION; AND

2. ANY INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

(II) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE HIGHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT MINIMUM COST TO STUDENTS AND THE STATE, THE COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD INTERSTATE AGREEMENT, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET, TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR QUALIFIED NONRESIDENT STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN SELECTED PROGRAMS AND CURRICULA ON A RESIDENT TUITION AND FEE CHARGE BASIS.

(III) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, THE COMMISSION IS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO CREATE GUIDELINES FOR THE WAIVER OF THE COLLECTION OF NONRESIDENT TUITION AND FEE CHARGES FOR STUDENTS FROM OTHER STATES THAT ARE ENROLLED IN PROGRAMS AND CURRICULA APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION AS PART OF A REGIONAL OR INTERSTATE AGREEMENT.

(IV) BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN ANY INTERSTATE AGREEMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSULT WITH: