

WHEREAS, University College is the only University of Maryland constituent institution and, in fact, is one of the only higher education institutions in the State, including the private colleges and universities and the community colleges, that does not receive State financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, University College, because it does not receive State financial assistance, is tuition dependent; and

WHEREAS, There are 14,000 students attending University College programs in Maryland who pay the highest undergraduate tuition among the State's public institutions and two to three times the tuition charged by Maryland's community colleges; and

WHEREAS, Because of the State's severe economic downturn in 1992, the State eliminated its funding commitment to help offset the relatively high cost of tuition at University College; and

WHEREAS, The State's economy has improved significantly since State assistance to University College was eliminated; however, mandating State financial assistance is not prudent considering the economic outlook; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland System and the Governor are requested to include as a top funding priority for higher education a minimum of \$3 million of State funds beginning in Fiscal Year 1997 for University of Maryland University College.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.

Approved May 18, 1995.

CHAPTER 394

(Senate Bill 634)

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation - Judicial Review

FOR the purpose of providing that a person may appeal from a decision of the Workers' Compensation Commission by filing, within a certain time period, a petition for judicial review in accordance with certain provisions of the Maryland Rules ~~and serving copies of the petition on the Commission and each other party of record; and by requiring that a certain certificate of service be attached to or included in the petition and that service be made by first class mail at a certain time; requiring a person filing a petition under this Act to attach to the petition a certificate of compliance with this Act; and providing that failure to comply with this Act shall result in mandatory dismissal of the appeal, notwithstanding substantial compliance with the applicable provisions of the Maryland Rules.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,