

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

Approved May 27, 1999.

CHAPTER 515
(Senate Bill 682)

AN ACT concerning

**Higher Education - University System of Maryland - Coordination,
Governance, and Funding**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to distribute certain incentive funding to certain institutions under certain circumstances; altering the role of the Commission in reviewing the operating and capital budgets of the University System of Maryland; clarifying the duties of the University System of Maryland; requiring the Commission to ensure that the State Plan for Higher Education complies with certain requirements of State and federal law; altering the role of the Commission in the review of mission statements developed by public institutions of higher education; altering the requirements for the contents of mission statements and requiring the Commission, with the assistance of the presidents of certain institutions, to establish and periodically update the format of mission statements; reestablishing the College Intervention Preparation Program to raise the level of academic preparedness of disadvantaged students who go on to college; exempting a student member of the Board of Regents who is a student in good academic standing at the University of Maryland University College from a certain requirement; altering the governance and management of the University System of Maryland and establishing the University as a public corporation with certain powers and responsibilities; requiring the Board of Regents to delegate certain authority to certain presidents under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of Regents to develop certain policies on standards of operation and accountability; requiring the Board of Regents to include members of the Boards of Visitors in certain activities; requiring the Board of Regents to adopt a certain policy by a certain date to govern the public ethics of members of the Board of Regents; providing the president of the University of Maryland, College Park with the opportunity to meet with the Governor to present the University's budget request at a certain time; clarifying that the presidents have the authority to appoint institutional boards; exempting the University System of Maryland ~~and Morgan State University~~ from certain provisions of the State procurement law; altering the requirements of an overall plan for the University System of Maryland to include certain priorities, goals, and duties; requiring the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland ~~and the Board of Regents of Morgan State University~~, subject to review and approval by the Board of Public Works and the Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review Committee, to