

(2) THE CONTINUING GROWTH OF CHARLES COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS A QUALITY INSTITUTION REQUIRES THAT A PARTNERSHIP BE ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE A NEW COLLEGE IDENTITY REFLECTIVE OF THE ~~TWO~~ THREE SOUTHERN MARYLAND COUNTIES, A GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF SHARED OWNERSHIP, AND THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FISCAL SUPPORT.

16-602.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "BOARD OF TRUSTEES" MEANS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND.

(C) "COLLEGE" MEANS THE COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE CHARLES COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

(D) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

~~(E)~~ (E) "COUNTY COMMISSIONERS" MEANS THE ELECTED COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FROM ~~CHARLES CALVERT, CHARLES,~~ AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES.

~~(F)~~ (F) "OFFICER" MEANS THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENTS, DEANS, OR OTHER OFFICERS OF THE COLLEGE AS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

~~(G)~~ (G) "RESIDENT CAMPUS" MEANS A PRIMARY CAMPUS LOCATED IN CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, OR ST. MARY'S COUNTY.

~~(H)~~ (H) "SOUTHERN MARYLAND" MEANS THE AREA THAT INCLUDES ALL OF ~~CHARLES CALVERT, CHARLES,~~ AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES.

16-603.

(A) (1) THERE IS A COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE CHARLES COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LOCATED IN ~~CHARLES CALVERT,~~ CHARLES, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES, MARYLAND.

(2) WITH OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, THE COLLEGE SHALL PROVIDE THE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN § 10-210 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) THE COLLEGE IS AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COLLEGE SHALL BE CLASSIFIED AS A "LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY (LEA)", AS DEFINED IN FEDERAL LAW, FOR PURPOSES OF FEDERAL SUBSIDIES, GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND OTHER PROGRAMS OF SUPPORT FOR WHICH A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS ELIGIBLE.

(D) ~~CHARLES CALVERT, CHARLES,~~ AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY TO PAY THE COST OF OPERATING THE COLLEGE ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.