

(e) "Governing body" means:

- (1) A governing board;
- (2) A board of trustees of a community college; [or]
- (3) The governing entity of nonpublic institutions of higher education; OR
- (4) THE GOVERNING ENTITY OF A REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER.

(f) (1) "Institution of postsecondary education" means a school or other institution that offers an educational program in the State for individuals who are at least 16 years old and who have graduated from or left elementary or secondary school.

(2) "Institution of postsecondary education" does not include:

(i) Any adult education, evening high school, or high school equivalence program conducted by a public school system of the State; or

(ii) Any apprenticeship or on-the-job training program subject to approval by the Apprenticeship and Training Council.

(g) "Institution of higher education" means an institution of postsecondary education that generally limits enrollment to graduates of secondary schools, and awards degrees at either the associate, baccalaureate, or graduate level.

(h) "Private career school" means a privately owned and privately operated institution of postsecondary education other than an institution of higher education that furnishes or offers to furnish programs, whether or not requiring a payment of tuition or fee, for the purpose of training, retraining, or upgrading individuals for gainful employment as skilled or semiskilled workers or technicians in recognized occupations or in new and emerging occupations.

(i) "Program" or "educational program" means an organized course of study that leads to the award of a certificate, diploma, or degree.

(j) "Public senior higher education institution" means:

- (1) The constituent institutions of the University System of Maryland;
- (2) Morgan State University; and
- (3) St. Mary's College of Maryland.

(K) "REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER" MEANS A HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITY IN THE STATE THAT:

(1) INCLUDES PARTICIPATION BY TWO OR MORE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;

(2) CONSISTS OF AN ARRAY OF PROGRAM OFFERINGS;

(3) OFFERS MULTIPLE DEGREE LEVELS; AND