

3. St. Mary's College of Maryland;
4. All funding for the Maryland Higher Education Commission, including the funding of:
 - A. The Joseph A. Sellinger Program;
 - B. The Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula;
 - C. Fringe benefits provided under aid to community colleges;
 and
 - D. All scholarship and grant programs administered by the Commission; and
5. Baltimore City Community College.

(ii) It is the intent of the General Assembly that, barring unforeseen economic conditions, the Governor shall include in the annual budget submission for fiscal year 2000 and each year thereafter, an amount of General Fund State support for higher education equal to or greater than the amount appropriated in the prior year.

(iii) It is the goal of the State that General Fund and capital State support for higher education be funded annually in amounts that are no less than the following percentages of total General Fund State revenues:

1. 12.5 percent in fiscal year 2000;
2. 13.5 percent in fiscal year 2001;
3. 14.5 percent in fiscal year 2002;
4. 15 percent in fiscal year 2003; and
5. 15.5 percent in fiscal year 2004.

[(i)] (J) (1) In this subsection "community college" includes the Carroll County Community College and the Calvert County and St. Mary's County branch campuses of the College of Southern Maryland established under the authority granted by § 16-103(1) of this article, and does not include the Baltimore City Community College.

(2) The Commission shall administer the general public junior or community college and regional community college construction program in accordance with this section and regulations approved by the Board of Public Works.

(3) (i) Whenever a county desires, or whenever the counties that support a regional community college desire, to participate in the financial assistance provided by the State for the general public junior or community college and regional community college construction program, the jurisdiction or jurisdictions shall file with the Commission a petition and such information as the Commission requires, together with a complete proposal for each project for which financial assistance is desired.