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(f) (1) The Board may establish new institutions, REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTERS, and branches subject to:

(i) The concurrence of the Maryland Higher Education Commission; and

(ii) The approval of the Governor and the General Assembly.

(2) Without the approval of the Governor and the General Assembly, the Board may not change the name of any constituent institution.

(3) Subject to the approval of the Governor and the General Assembly, the Board may merge, consolidate, or close any constituent institution.

(4) In its discretion, the Board may establish, merge, consolidate, or close any center or institute.

12-106.

(a) (1) In consultation with the presidents of the constituent institutions, the Chancellor shall develop an overall plan that:

(i) Is consistent with the State Plan for Higher Education in accordance with the Charter and with the constituent institutions' approved mission statements;

(ii) Sets forth both long-range and short-range goals, objectives, and priorities for postsecondary education, research, and service provided by the University System of Maryland and methods and guidelines for achieving and maintaining them;

(iii) Incorporates the following priorities:

1. A. Enhance the mission of the University of Maryland, College Park as the State's flagship campus with programs and faculty nationally and internationally recognized for excellence in research and the advancement of knowledge;

B. Admit to the campus freshmen who have academic profiles that suggest exceptional ability;

C. Provide access to the upper division undergraduate level of the campus for students who have excelled in completing lower division study; and

D. Provide the campus with the level of operating funding and facilities necessary to place it among the upper echelon of its peer institutions;

2. Maintain and enhance an academic health center and a coordinated Higher Education Center for Research and Graduate and Professional Study in the Baltimore area, comprised of the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the University of Maryland Baltimore County, with a focus on science and technology;