

payments made by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to a nursing facility for a reserved bed on or after July 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved May 13, 2003.

CHAPTER 346
(House Bill 1043)

AN ACT concerning

Information Technology - Procurement - St. Mary's College of Maryland

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law concerning changes relating to or the purchase, lease, or rental of information technology do not apply to St. Mary's College of Maryland; and generally relating to the purchase, lease, or rental of information technology by St. Mary's College of Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 3-401

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Finance and Procurement

3-401.

(a) This subtitle does not apply to changes relating to or the purchase, lease, or rental of information technology by:

- (1) public institutions of higher education solely for academic or research purposes;
- (2) the Maryland Port Administration; [or]
- (3) the University System of [Maryland] MARYLAND; OR
- (4) ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as provided in subsection (a) of this section and §§ 3-403(c), 3-405(a)(2), 3-410.1, and 3-410.2 of this