

(2) The president shall report any programs that are proposed to be established or abolished in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection to:

- (i) The institution's governing board; and
- (ii) The Maryland Higher Education Commission.

(3) Upon receipt of a proposed new program, the Commission shall notify all other institutions of higher education in the State.

(b) The institution's governing board shall:

- (1) Review the actions taken under subsection (a) of this section;
- (2) Ensure that any new program proposed to be established by a president:
  - (i) Is consistent with the institution's approved mission statement under Subtitle 3 of this title;

(II) MEETS CRITERIA FOR THE QUALITY OF NEW PROGRAMS, DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION; and

(iii) (III) Can be implemented within the existing program resources of the institution, VERIFIED BY A PROCESS ESTABLISHED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION; and

(3) Approve the proposed new program within 60 days if the program meets the criteria in paragraph (2) of this subsection, subject to the provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

(c) Within 30 days of receipt of a notice of an institution's intent to establish a new program in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, the Commission may file, or the institutions of higher education in the State may file with the Commission, an objection to implementation of a proposed program provided the objection is based on:

- (1) Inconsistency of the proposed program with the institution's approved mission;
- (2) Unreasonable program duplication which would cause demonstrable harm to another institution; or
- (3) Violation of the State's equal educational opportunity obligations under State and federal law.

(d) (1) If an objection is filed under subsection (c) of this section by the Commission or an institution within 30 days of receipt of a notice of an institution's intent to establish a new program, the Commission shall immediately notify the institution's governing board and president.

(2) The Commission shall determine if an institution's objection is justified based on the criteria in subsection (c) of this section.