

priority is given to institutions that have consistently experienced funding guideline attainment lower than the attainment of system institutions overall.

Further provided that \$700,000 in general funds for the University System of Maryland Office may not be expended until evidence of allocation of \$700,000 from the University System of Maryland Office current unrestricted fund balance for support of the fiscal 2003 operations of the Christopher Columbus Center is submitted to the budget committees. Consistent with its use of space in the Columbus Center, the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute (UMBI) shall support the operations of the Columbus Center in excess of \$700,000. This will ensure that the University System of Maryland (USM) and UMBI share the costs of the operations and maintenance of the Christopher Columbus Center until full occupancy can be achieved. If a tenant makes rent payments adequate to absorb the cost of maintaining the vacant space, the transfer from the ~~system~~ System Office may be prorated to reflect only the time the space remained vacant. All costs associated with securing a suitable tenant shall be the responsibility of the ~~system~~ System Office. The General Assembly urges USM to proceed with celerity to secure a suitable tenant for the Columbus Center. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the system resolve all questions about the use and lease of the space and begin actively seeking a tenant no later than July 1, 2002.....

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Special Fund Appropriation, provided that the appropriation of \$6,278,500 to the University of Maryland, College Park (R30B22) may be used for no other purpose than to support MFRI as