

(2) There is a need for an effective comprehensive urban community college in Baltimore City offering educational programs that will stimulate the participation of individuals, be responsive to the needs of the community, and afford open access to individuals with a variety of educational backgrounds.

(3) Businesses in the Baltimore metropolitan area are undergoing an economic transition and need and must be ready to make extensive use of and provide financial support for an effective, well-managed urban institution to train and educate their employees and prospective employees in skills and fields of study of importance to the region's business community.

(4) [The City of Baltimore does not have the resources to fund the Community College of Baltimore at a level sufficient to meet the needs of the students of a large urban population in critical need of its services, as well as the needs of the business community.

(5) It is recognized that to make the New Community College of Baltimore an effective and efficient comprehensive urban community college, special attention must be given to the governance structure and system of management, quality and range of academic programs and services, resource levels and sources of support, and the staffing patterns of the Community College.

(6) It is further recognized that a] A partnership between the State and business community is essential to attain the requisite level of financial support to create and sustain a quality institution that is responsive to the technological and continuing education needs of businesses.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE COLLEGE IS TO PROVIDE QUALITY, ACCESSIBLE, AND AFFORDABLE EDUCATION TO THE CITIZENS OF BALTIMORE IN THE AREAS OF BASIC SKILLS, TECHNICAL AND CAREER EDUCATION, CONTINUING EDUCATION, AND THE ARTS AND SCIENCES.

[(c) (1) To assure the fulfillment of the objectives of creating the New Community College of Baltimore, a governance structure shall be established for a period of 3 years and before or on October 31, 1991, a plan shall be developed by the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the future organization and responsibilities of the institution.

(2) This period will allow for:

(i) A thorough assessment of the New Community College of Baltimore;

(ii) The development of an appropriate mission and accountability plan for the New Community College of Baltimore;

(iii) The determination of an appropriate governance structure, including whether the College should be a freestanding entity or affiliated or merged, in whole or in part, with another institution of higher education;