

Section 3(20)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1988 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Administration and General Assembly to reaffirm the commitment to the provisions of Chapter 246 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1988 and the pursuit of educational excellence at all of Maryland's public colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Administration and General Assembly to ensure a stable and predictable level of support for St. Mary's College of Maryland, but at the same time ensure that the future percentage increases in the College's grant be no greater than the average General Fund percentage increase of Maryland's other colleges and universities, particularly those institutions in the University of Maryland System; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's College of Maryland seeks to offer the combination of 2 ideals: the promise of public education, affordable to all and thriving on diversity, and high standards of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's College of Maryland is committed to continuing its mission of providing an excellent education to qualified Maryland students, regardless of their ability to pay, through the use of scholarship endowments and such other methods determined by the College's Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Administration and General Assembly to ensure that St. Mary's College of Maryland maintains a commitment to the enrollment of minority students; and

WHEREAS, Achieving and maintaining this mission requires a dedication to educational excellence, dynamic strategic planning, and sound fiscal underpinning; and

WHEREAS, A greatly reduced or unstable level of financial support for the College could threaten this mission; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Administration and General Assembly to ensure that St. Mary's College of Maryland be managed in a manner consistent with good business practices, in the best interests of the citizens of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Granting St. Mary's College of Maryland greater authority over its personnel, procurement, and budget would assist the College in meeting its educational mission and allow for more efficient and effective management of the College's operation; and

WHEREAS, This additional authority would also serve to decrease the State's financial commitment to the College over time, ~~thereby assisting the State in resolving the fiscal crisis that it faces~~; now, therefore,

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