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

## Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

1-504.

- (a) [There] THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS shall CERTIFY TO THE GOVERNOR FOR INCLUSION <u>WITHOUT REVISION</u> [be included] in each State budget an appropriation [to the Department of General Services in the total amount necessary] NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 to pay rent directly to counties for space occupied in county facilities by clerks of the circuit courts, as provided in this section.
- (b) To the extent provided in the State budget the rent shall be calculated per net usable square foot, with no additional reimbursement of maintenance and utility cost[:
  - (1) For fiscal year 2007, at a rate not to exceed \$2.50;
  - (2) For fiscal year 2008, at a rate not to exceed \$5.00; and
- (3) For fiscal year 2009 and each fiscal year thereafter, at a rate of \$10].
- (c) Unless the Administrative Office of the Courts and a county agree otherwise, the county may not decrease the net usable square footage allocated to the clerk of the circuit court for the county below the net usable square footage allotted for fiscal year 2002.

## Article - Education

## <del>17 104.</del>

- (a) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall compute the amount of the annual apportionment for each institution that qualifies under this subtitle by multiplying:
- (1) The number of full-time equivalent students enrolled at the institution during the fall semester of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the aid apportionment is made, as determined by the Maryland Higher Education Commission times;
- (2) (i) In each of fiscal years 2003 and 2004, an amount not less than 14.3% of the State's General-Fund per full-time equivalent student appropriation