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10 AN ACT concerning

20 **Funding for Higher Education**

30 FOR the purpose of creating equality in funding increases and decreases in higher education.

40 BY adding to

50 Article- Education

60 Section 16-305 and 17-101

70 Annotated Code of Maryland

80 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

90 **Preamble**

100 WHEREAS: Funding increases and decreases are not equal for higher education systems;  
110 and,

120 WHEREAS: All institutional funding should increase and decrease the same amount with  
130 budget fluctuations; and,

140 WHEREAS: The institutions who may benefit the most from budget increases may be cut the  
150 least when the budget decreases while those decreased may get additional cuts  
160 due to the funding base of dollars per student in the University System of  
170 Maryland being decreased.

180 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, That the  
190 Laws of Maryland read as follows:

200 **Article – Education**

210 § 16-305. Computation of State and county aid to community colleges

220 (G) ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO RECEIVES FUNDS FROM  
230 THE MARYLAND STATE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE FUNDING INCREASES OR  
240 DECREASES OF THE SAME PERCENTAGE STARTING FROM THE ORIGINAL FUNDING  
250 BASE OF THEIR FORMULA.

260 § 17-101. Joseph A. Sellinger Program Established

270 (A) There is a program of State aid to nonpublic institutions of higher education known as the  
280 Joseph A. Sellinger Program.

290 (B) ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO RECEIVES FUNDS FROM  
300 THE MARYLAND STATE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE FUNDING INCREASES OR  
310 DECREASES OF THE SAME PERCENTAGE STARTING FROM THE ORIGINAL FUNDING  
320 BASE OF THEIR FORMULA.

330 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this act be enacted on January 1, 2004.

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