

county commissioners or county council or any county and the mayor and city council of Baltimore City have the power to borrow funds for the purchase of land and the construction of capital improvements for said purposes upon such terms and conditions as they deem right and proper, subject to the general requirements of local laws applicable to the creation of public debt. *Funds to be appropriated or borrowed for a regional community college shall be provided for on a pro-rata basis determined by the ratio of population of each of the counties comprising the region and supporting said regional community college, to the population of the entire region.* FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION THE POPULATION OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTIES SHALL BE AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FROM TIME TO TIME.

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(a) Each community college or regional community college operating under the provisions of this sub-title shall be financed on the general basis of receiving one-third of its current expenses from the State, one-third from the county or counties (or Baltimore City) [in] for which it is [located] established, and one-third from fees and charges required from students at the community college. In this computation, "current expenses" shall be the product of the per-student operating cost for the preceding school year multiplied by the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in the current school year.

(c) In any political subdivision [in] for which a community college or regional community college is operating under the provisions of this sub-title, the board of county commissioners, county council, or mayor and city council of Baltimore shall provide and pay to the community college, regional community college or colleges [therein] so operating the political [subdivision's] subdivisions' one-third share of current expenses. The State Superintendent of Schools shall certify to the treasurer of each county or of Baltimore City as the case may be on or before the last day of both September and March in each year one-half of the annual amount which is due the local board of trustees of each community college and thereupon the treasurer within five days of each of these dates shall draw his warrant on the county or the City of Baltimore as the case may be and shall pay the amount due to the board of trustees of the community college, regional community college or colleges [in] for his respective political subdivision. *The counties comprising the region for and supporting a regional community college shall share in the payment of the political subdivisions' one-third share of current expenses, on a pro-rata basis determined by the ratio of the full-time student population in the regional community college, from each county, to the full-time student population in the regional community college from all the counties of the region.* THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL DETERMINE THE PORTIONS OF THE COST CHARGEABLE TO EACH COUNTY, BASED ON CURRENT ENROLLMENT FIGURES, AND SHALL CERTIFY SUCH DETERMINATION OF COST TO EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTY.

(d) Students from outside the State of Maryland who attend a community college or regional community college shall pay a full