

(House Bill 1344)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education - Eminent Scholar Program

FOR the purpose of setting up an eminent scholar program which would provide a participating institution the opportunity to attract and retain professors and associate professors through a supplemental fund, which may be matched by the State in the budget above the normal funding for salaries, but separate; providing that each chair endowed shall be endowed for the entire period of incumbency; providing the criteria for selection of qualified persons be set up by the institution's governing body with certain enumerated minimum standards.

BY adding to

Article 77A - Higher Education  
Section 64B  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 64B be and it is hereby added to Article 77A - Higher Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 77A - Higher Education

64E.

(A) THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE EMINENT SCHOLAR PROGRAM IS TO AFFORD PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN PROFESSORS OR ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED NATIONAL EMINENCE IN THEIR DISCIPLINES. THE AWARDS SHALL BE IN CONJUNCTION WITH, AND SUPPLEMENTAL TO, THE REGULAR FACULTY SALARY FUNDING.

(B) EVERY PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM SHALL BE GUIDED BY STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA, SET BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INSTITUTION, FOR ATTRACTING AND RETAINING EMINENT SCHOLARS WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL INCLUDE WITHIN ITS CRITERIA FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EMINENT SCHOLAR THE FOLLOWING CONCEPTS:

(1) THE APPOINTEE SHALL HOLD THE RANK OF ASSOCIATE OR FULL PROFESSOR, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, SUCH AS ARTIST IN RESIDENCE;