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## Emergency Action on Regulations

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**Title 13B**

**B MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION**

**Subtitle 02 ACADEMIC REGULATIONS**

**13B.02.03 Academic Programs - Degree-Granting Institutions**

Authority: Education Article, §§11-105(u) and 11-201, Annotated Code of Maryland.

**Notice of Emergency Action**

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The Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review has granted emergency status to amendment to Regulation .03-1 under COMAR 13B.02.03 Academic Programs - Degree Granting Institutions.

**Emergency status began:**

**Emergency status expires:**

**Comparison to Federal Standards**

There is no corresponding federal standard to this emergency action.

**Estimate of Economic Impact**

**I. Summary of Economic Impact.**

The Secretary may establish program review fees for singular and multiple options. It is anticipated that fees will not exceed \$500 per campus (16 community colleges), for a total of \$8,000. However, this figure will be dependent upon the number of proposals submitted.

Revenue (R+/R-)

<b>II. Types of Economic Impact.</b>	Expenditure (E+/E-)	Magnitude
A. On issuing agency:	NONE	
(1) Review Fees	(R+)	\$8,000
B. On other State agencies:	NONE	
C. On local governments:	NONE	
	Benefit (+) Cost (-)	Magnitude
D. On regulated industries or trade groups:	NONE	
(1) Review Fees	(-)	\$8,000
E. On other industries or trade groups:	NONE	
F. Direct and indirect effects on public:	NONE	

**III. Assumptions.** (Identified by Impact Letter and Number from Section II.)

A(1). The Secretary may establish program review fees for singular and multiple options. It is anticipated that fees will not exceed \$500 per campus (16 community colleges), for a total of \$8,000. However, this figure will be dependent upon the number of proposals submitted.

D(1). The Secretary may establish program review fees for singular and multiple options. It is anticipated that fees will not exceed \$500 per campus (16 community colleges), for a total of

**Economic Impact on Small Businesses**

The emergency action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

**Economic Impact Statement Part C**

A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 15

B. Does the budget for the fiscal year in which regulations become effective contain funds to implement the regulations?

Yes

C. If 'yes', state whether general, special (exact name), or federal funds will be used:  
General funds.

D. If 'no', identify the source(s) of funds necessary for implementation of these regulations:

E. If these regulations have no economic impact under Part A, indicate reason briefly:

F. If these regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses under Part B, indicate the reason and attach small business worksheet.

These regulations do not involve small businesses.

G. Response to small business worksheet:

Attached Document:

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## **Title 13B**

# **MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION**

## **SUBTITLE 02 ACADEMIC REGULATIONS**

### **Chapter 03 Academic Programs – Degree Granting Institutions**

*.03-1 Review of extant curricular offerings as an area of concentration at Community Colleges.*

*A. In this regulation, “sequential arrangement” means an arrangement of approved courses comprising between 12 and 30 semester hours offered by a community college on or before June 30, 2014.*

*B. A community college that has publicized a sequential arrangement as an “option” for students may submit a program proposal as provided in paragraph C to have the sequential arrangement approved as an area of concentration.*

*C. A community college may request that the Commission approve a sequential arrangement as an area of concentration by submitting a proposal that:*

*(1) Provides the area of concentration name;*

*(2) Outlines the curriculum design, including course descriptions, names, and credit hours;*

*(3) Explains the centrality of the proposed area of concentration to the institution's mission;*

*(4) Identifies when the option first became available; and*

*(5) Addresses the educational need for the area of concentration, to include regional and/or statewide need as identified in the State Plan; or*

*(6) Identifies transfer and articulation arrangements that the area of concentration will facilitate/support.*

*D. Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 13B.02.03.02-1, the Secretary may establish program review fees for singular and multiple options submitted under this regulation.*

*E. A request that a sequential arrangement be approved as an area of concentration must be submitted to the Commission by June 30, 2017.*