

R30B36 University System of Maryland Headquarters

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Subtotal University System of Maryland; ~~provided that \$2,100,000 of this appropriation, made available for developing web based curricula at institutions in the University System of Maryland, shall only be used for the purpose of developing the "virtual university" and enhancing the technology infrastructure of institutions that may not currently have the resources to participate in the program. The designated funds may not be released until:~~

~~(1) the budget committees receive a report jointly prepared by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents and the presidents of the participating institutions stating how the funds will be used at each institution in fiscal 2000, and the needs of each institution to participate in the virtual university program in future years; and~~

~~(2) the budget committees have had 45 days to review and comment on the report, provided that the appropriations herein for the University System of Maryland institutions shall be reduced by \$2,100,000 to reflect the deletion of State support for the Technology in Program Delivery initiative. The allocation of the reduction shall be made by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents consistent with the allocation in the fiscal 2000 budget submission. The General Assembly believes that the implementation of technology-based programs is essential to taking Maryland's higher education system into the next century, but also believes that there has not been sufficient coordination and planning throughout the higher education community to fully implement such programs. The General Assembly also believes that current resources, such as those that exist at the University of Maryland University College, should be the focus of this endeavor at the system level, and possibly statewide as the~~