



BOARD OF REGENTS

SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION, INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: Waiver of Certain Residency Requirements for Relocating Employees of the U.S Federal Bureau of Investigation

COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole

DATE OF MEETING: December 11, 2015

SUMMARY: The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is considering moving their headquarters to Maryland, which would result in a significant gain of federal jobs in Maryland and the potential for increased education partnerships. This relocation would likely result in a high percentage of employees who currently reside in other states, moving to Maryland along with their positions.

The Board of Regents may waive certain requirements of the USM Policy on Student Classification for Admission and Tuition Purposes to allow for a smooth transition of the employees and their families to Maryland. Such a waiver would apply to the twelve-month period required to meet the criteria set forth in the USM Policy on Student Classification for Admission and Tuition Purposes for employees of the FBI whose positions are transferred from other states to Maryland. This waiver shall also apply to the spouses and dependent children of the affected employees.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The Committee could require that the affected employees relocating to Maryland meet the residency requirements through the normal processes set forth in USM Policy on Student Classification for Admissions and Tuition Purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT: Since tuition rates vary by institution, the impact will depend on the number of enrollees and selection of institution.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: The Chancellor recommends to the Board of Regents the approval of the attached resolution granting a waiver of the twelve-month residency requirement for FBI employees who move to Maryland should the FBI decide to relocate their headquarters to the State.

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SUBMITTED BY: Janice Doyle, Secretary to the BOR jdoyle@usmd.edu 301-445-1906

Resolution

Whereas, the economic development of the State is in significant part dependent upon the State's ability to attract new employers; and

Whereas, the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation potential decision to consolidate and relocate their headquarters to Maryland; and

Whereas, the decision would result in a significant gain of federal jobs in Maryland and the potential for increased education partnerships; and

Whereas it is important to the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation's mission that a high percentage of the current employees at various locations in other states, in fact would relocate to Maryland along with their positions to ensure continued services; and

Whereas, it is the view of the Board of Regents that a waiver of certain requirements of the USM Policy on Student Classification for Admission and Tuition Purposes would allow for a smooth transition of the employees and their families to Maryland;

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland that should the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation decide to consolidate its headquarters to Maryland:

(1) The twelve-month period required to meet the criteria set forth in the USM Policy on Student Classification for Admission and Tuition Purposes shall be waived in the case of employees of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation whose positions are transferred from other States to Maryland. This waiver shall also apply to the spouses and dependent children of the affected employees; and

(2) In lieu of documentation of the criteria set forth in policy, USM institutions shall require such employees to submit adequate documentation of the transfer, and proof of a Maryland residence, verifying their eligibility for this waiver; and

(3) This waiver shall not affect any other provision of the USM Policy on Student Classification for Admission and Tuition Purposes; and

(4) This Resolution shall expire one year after the official move of the FBI headquarters to Maryland is completed.

Approved by the USM Board of Regents on _____.