

CHAPTER 134

(House Bill 200)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law relating to the management of institutional funds; establishing the Maryland Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act; establishing a standard of conduct in managing and investing a certain institutional fund; authorizing a certain institution to appropriate for expenditure or accumulate so much of a certain endowment fund as the institution determines is prudent for certain purposes; establishing a certain presumption of imprudence; requiring notice of a certain appropriation by an institution to the Attorney General under certain circumstances; requiring the institution to consider certain factors in making a certain determination; providing certain rules of construction; providing for the delegation of certain management and investment functions; establishing how certain restrictions on the management, investment, or purpose of an institutional fund may be released or modified; requiring that compliance with this Act be determined in a certain manner; providing for the application of this Act; establishing that this Act modifies, limits, and supersedes certain provisions of federal law; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the management of institutional funds.

BY repealing

Article – Estates and Trusts

Section 15–401 through 15–409

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Estates and Trusts

Section 15–401 through 15–410 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 4.
Maryland Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act”

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Estates and Trusts

Subtitle 4. Maryland Uniform **PRUDENT** Management of Institutional Funds Act.

[15-401.

(a) In this subtitle the following words or phrases have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Endowment fund" means an institutional fund, or any part of it not wholly expendable by the institution on a current basis under the terms of the applicable gift instrument.

(c) "Gift instrument" means a will, deed, grant, conveyance, agreement, memorandum, writing, or other governing document, including the terms of any institutional solicitations from which an institutional fund results, under which property is transferred to or held by an institution as an institutional fund.

(d) "Governing board" means the body responsible for the management of an institution or of an institutional fund.

(e) "Historic dollar value" means the aggregate fair value in dollars of (1) an endowment fund at the time it became an endowment fund, (2) each subsequent donation to the fund at the time it is made, and (3) each accumulation made pursuant to a direction in the applicable gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The determination of historic dollar value made in good faith by the institution is conclusive.

(f) "Institutional" means an incorporated or unincorporated organization organized and operated exclusively for educational, religious, charitable, or other eleemosynary purposes, or a governmental organization to the extent that it holds funds exclusively for any of these purposes.

(g) "Institutional fund" means a fund held by an institution for its exclusive use, benefit, or purposes but does not include (1) a fund held for an institution by a trustee that is not an institution or (2) a fund in which a beneficiary that is not an institution has an interest, other than possible rights that could arise upon violation or failure of the purposes of the fund.]

[15-402.

The governing board may appropriate for expenditure for the uses and purposes for which an endowment fund is established so much of the net appreciation, realized and unrealized, in the fair value of the assets of an endowment fund over the historic dollar value of the fund as is prudent under the standard established by § 15-406. This section does not limit the authority of the governing board to expend funds as permitted under other law, the terms of the applicable gift instrument, or the charter of the institution.]

[15-403.

Section 15-402 does not apply if the applicable gift instrument indicates the intention of the donor that net appreciation shall not be expended. A restriction upon the expenditure of net appreciation may not be implied from a designation of a gift as an endowment, or from a direction or authorization in the applicable gift instrument to use only "income", "interest", "dividends", or "rents, issues or profits", or "to preserve the principal intact", or a direction which contains other words of similar import. This rule of construction applies to gift instruments executed or in effect before or after the effective date of this act.]

[15-404.

In an addition to an investment otherwise authorized by law or by the applicable gift instrument, and without restriction to investments a fiduciary may make, the governing board, subject to any specific limitations set forth in the applicable gift instrument or in the applicable law other than law relating to investments by a fiduciary, may:

(1) Invest and reinvest an institutional fund in any real or personal property deemed advisable by the governing board, whether or not it produces a current return, including mortgages, stocks, bonds, debentures, and other securities of profit or nonprofit corporations, shares in or obligations of associations, partnerships, or individuals, and obligations of any government or subdivision or instrumentality thereof;

(2) Retain property contributed by a donor to an institutional fund for as long as the governing board deems advisable;

(3) Include all or any part of an institutional fund in any pooled or common fund maintained by the institution; and

(4) Invest all or any part of an institutional fund in any other pooled or common fund available for investment, including shares or interests in regulated investment companies, mutual funds, common trust funds, investment partnerships, real estate investment trust, or similar organizations in which funds are commingled and investment determinations are made by persons other than the governing board.]

[15-405.

Except as otherwise provided by the applicable gift instrument or by applicable law relating to governmental institutions or funds, the governing board may (1) delegate to its committees, officers, or employees of the institution or the fund, or agents, including investment counsel, the authority to act in place of the board in investment and reinvestment of institutional funds, (2) contract with independent investment advisors, investment counsel or managers, banks, or trust companies, so to

act, and (3) authorize the payment of compensation for investment advisory or management services.]

[15-406.

In the administration of the powers to appropriate appreciation, to make and retain investments, and to delegate investment management of institutional funds, members of a governing board shall exercise ordinary business care and prudence under the facts and circumstances prevailing at the time of the action or decision. In so doing they shall consider long and short term needs of the institution in carrying out its educational, religious, charitable, or other eleemosynary purposes, its present and anticipated financial requirements, expected total return on its investments, price level trends, and general economic conditions.]

[15-407.

(a) With the written consent of the donor, the governing board may release, in whole or in part, a restriction imposed by the applicable gift instrument on the use or investment of an institutional fund.

(b) If written consent of the donor cannot be obtained by reason of his death, disability, unavailability, or impossibility of identification, the governing board may apply in the name of the institution to the circuit court for the county where the office of the governing board is located, for release of a restriction imposed by the applicable gift instrument on the use or investment of an institutional fund. The Attorney General shall be notified of the application and given an opportunity to be heard. If the court finds that the restriction is obsolete, inappropriate, or impracticable, it may by order release the restriction in whole or in part. A release under this subsection may not change an endowment fund to a fund that is not an endowment fund.

(c) A release under this section may not allow a fund to be used for purposes other than the educational, religious, charitable, or other eleemosynary purposes of the institution affected.

(d) This section does not limit the application of the doctrine of cy pres.]

[15-408.

This subtitle shall be so applied and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law with respect to the subject of this subtitle among those states which enact it.]

[15-409.

This subtitle may be cited as the "Maryland Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act".]

15-401.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "CHARITABLE PURPOSE" MEANS THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OR RELIGION, THE PROMOTION OF HEALTH, THE PROMOTION OF A GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE, OR ANY OTHER PURPOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH IS BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY.

(C) (1) "ENDOWMENT FUND" MEANS AN INSTITUTIONAL FUND OR PART OF AN INSTITUTIONAL FUND THAT, UNDER THE TERMS OF A GIFT INSTRUMENT, IS NOT WHOLLY EXPENDABLE BY THE INSTITUTION ON A CURRENT BASIS.

(2) "ENDOWMENT FUND" DOES NOT INCLUDE ASSETS THAT AN INSTITUTION DESIGNATES AS AN ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE USE OF THE INSTITUTION.

(D) "GIFT INSTRUMENT" MEANS A RECORD, INCLUDING AN INSTITUTIONAL SOLICITATION, UNDER WHICH PROPERTY IS GRANTED TO, TRANSFERRED TO, OR HELD BY AN INSTITUTION AS AN INSTITUTIONAL FUND.

(E) "INSTITUTION" MEANS:

(1) A PERSON, OTHER THAN AN INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES;

(2) A GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION, AGENCY, OR INSTRUMENTALITY, TO THE EXTENT THAT THE SUBDIVISION, AGENCY, OR INSTRUMENTALITY HOLDS FUNDS EXCLUSIVELY FOR A CHARITABLE PURPOSE; OR

(3) A TRUST THAT HAD BOTH CHARITABLE AND NONCHARITABLE INTERESTS, AFTER ALL NONCHARITABLE INTERESTS HAVE TERMINATED.

(F) (1) "INSTITUTIONAL FUND" MEANS A FUND HELD BY AN INSTITUTION EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

(2) "INSTITUTIONAL FUND" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(I) PROGRAM-RELATED ASSETS;

(II) A FUND HELD FOR AN INSTITUTION BY A TRUSTEE THAT IS NOT AN INSTITUTION; OR

(III) A FUND IN WHICH A BENEFICIARY THAT IS NOT AN INSTITUTION HAS AN INTEREST, OTHER THAN AN INTEREST THAT COULD ARISE ON VIOLATION OR FAILURE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE FUND.

(G) "PERSON" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, BUSINESS TRUST, ESTATE, TRUST, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ASSOCIATION, JOINT VENTURE, PUBLIC CORPORATION, GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION, AGENCY, OR INSTRUMENTALITY, OR ANY OTHER LEGAL OR COMMERCIAL ENTITY.

(H) "PROGRAM-RELATED ASSET" MEANS AN ASSET HELD BY AN INSTITUTION PRIMARILY TO ACCOMPLISH A CHARITABLE PURPOSE OF THE INSTITUTION AND NOT PRIMARILY FOR INVESTMENT.

(I) "RECORD" MEANS INFORMATION THAT IS INSCRIBED ON A TANGIBLE MEDIUM OR THAT IS STORED IN AN ELECTRONIC OR OTHER MEDIUM AND IS RETRIEVABLE IN PERCEIVABLE FORM.

15-402.

(A) SUBJECT TO THE INTENT OF A DONOR EXPRESSED IN A GIFT INSTRUMENT, AN INSTITUTION, IN MANAGING AND INVESTING AN INSTITUTIONAL FUND, SHALL CONSIDER THE CHARITABLE PURPOSES OF THE INSTITUTION AND THE PURPOSES OF THE INSTITUTIONAL FUND.

(B) IN ADDITION TO COMPLYING WITH THE DUTY OF LOYALTY IMPOSED BY LAW OTHER THAN THIS SUBTITLE, EACH PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING AND INVESTING AN INSTITUTIONAL FUND SHALL MANAGE AND INVEST THE FUND ~~IN GOOD FAITH AND WITH THE CARE AN ORDINARILY PRUDENT PERSON IN A LIKE POSITION WOULD EXERCISE UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES~~ EXERCISING ORDINARY BUSINESS CARE AND PRUDENCE UNDER THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING AT THE TIME OF THE ACTION OR DECISION.

(C) IN MANAGING AND INVESTING AN INSTITUTIONAL FUND, AN INSTITUTION:

(1) MAY INCUR ONLY COSTS THAT ARE APPROPRIATE AND REASONABLE IN RELATION TO THE ASSETS, THE PURPOSES OF THE INSTITUTION, AND THE SKILLS AVAILABLE TO THE INSTITUTION; AND

(2) SHALL MAKE A REASONABLE EFFORT TO VERIFY FACTS RELEVANT TO THE MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT OF THE FUND.

(D) AN INSTITUTION MAY POOL TWO OR MORE INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS FOR PURPOSES OF MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT.

(E) (1) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION APPLY EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY A GIFT INSTRUMENT.

(2) IN MANAGING AND INVESTING AN INSTITUTIONAL FUND, THE FOLLOWING FACTORS, IF RELEVANT, SHALL BE CONSIDERED:

(I) GENERAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS;

(II) THE POSSIBLE EFFECT OF INFLATION OR DEFLATION;

(III) THE EXPECTED TAX CONSEQUENCES, IF ANY, OF INVESTMENT DECISIONS OR STRATEGIES;

(IV) THE ROLE THAT EACH INVESTMENT OR COURSE OF ACTION PLAYS WITHIN THE OVERALL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO OF THE FUND;

(V) THE EXPECTED TOTAL RETURN FROM INCOME AND THE APPRECIATION OF INVESTMENTS;

(VI) OTHER RESOURCES OF THE INSTITUTION;

(VII) THE NEEDS OF THE INSTITUTION AND THE FUND TO MAKE DISTRIBUTIONS AND TO PRESERVE CAPITAL; AND

(VIII) THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP OR SPECIAL VALUE OF THE ASSET, IF ANY, TO THE CHARITABLE PURPOSES OF THE INSTITUTION.

(3) MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT DECISIONS ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL ASSET SHALL BE MADE NOT IN ISOLATION BUT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL FUND AS A WHOLE AND AS A PART OF AN OVERALL INVESTMENT STRATEGY HAVING RISK AND RETURN OBJECTIVES REASONABLY SUITED TO THE FUND AND TO THE INSTITUTION.

(4) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW OTHER THAN THIS SUBTITLE, AN INSTITUTION MAY INVEST IN ANY KIND OF PROPERTY OR TYPE OF INVESTMENT CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION.

(5) AN INSTITUTION SHALL DIVERSIFY THE INVESTMENTS OF AN INSTITUTIONAL FUND UNLESS THE INSTITUTION REASONABLY DETERMINES THAT, BECAUSE OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PURPOSES OF THE FUND ARE BETTER SERVED WITHOUT DIVERSIFICATION.

(6) WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER RECEIVING PROPERTY, AN INSTITUTION SHALL MAKE AND CARRY OUT DECISIONS CONCERNING THE RETENTION OR DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY OR TO REBALANCE A PORTFOLIO, IN ORDER TO BRING THE INSTITUTIONAL FUND INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE PURPOSES, TERMS, AND DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS OF THE INSTITUTION AS NECESSARY TO MEET OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE INSTITUTION AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(7) A PERSON THAT HAS SPECIAL SKILLS OR EXPERTISE, OR IS SELECTED IN RELIANCE ON THE REPRESENTATION BY THE PERSON THAT THE PERSON HAS SPECIAL SKILLS OR EXPERTISE, HAS A DUTY TO USE THOSE SKILLS OR THAT EXPERTISE IN MANAGING AND INVESTING INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS.

15-403.

(A) (1) ~~AN~~ SUBJECT TO THE INTENT OF A DONOR EXPRESSED IN THE GIFT INSTRUMENT, AN INSTITUTION MAY APPROPRIATE FOR EXPENDITURE OR ACCUMULATE SO MUCH OF AN ENDOWMENT FUND AS THE INSTITUTION DETERMINES IS PRUDENT FOR THE USES, BENEFITS, PURPOSES, AND DURATION FOR WHICH THE ENDOWMENT FUND IS ESTABLISHED.

(2) UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE IN THE GIFT INSTRUMENT, THE ASSETS IN AN ENDOWMENT FUND ARE DONOR-RESTRICTED ASSETS UNTIL APPROPRIATED FOR EXPENDITURE BY THE INSTITUTION.

(3) IN MAKING A DETERMINATION TO APPROPRIATE FOR EXPENDITURE OR ACCUMULATE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE INSTITUTION SHALL ~~ACT IN GOOD FAITH, WITH THE CARE THAT AN ORDINARILY PRUDENT PERSON IN A LIKE POSITION WOULD EXERCISE UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES~~ EXERCISE ORDINARY BUSINESS CARE AND PRUDENCE UNDER THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING AT THE TIME OF THE ACTION OR DECISION, AND SHALL CONSIDER, IF RELEVANT, THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

(I) THE DURATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND;

(II) THE PURPOSES OF THE INSTITUTION AND THE ENDOWMENT FUND;

(III) GENERAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS;

(IV) THE POSSIBLE EFFECT OF INFLATION OR DEFLATION;

(V) THE EXPECTED TOTAL RETURN FROM INCOME AND THE APPRECIATION OF INVESTMENTS;

(VI) OTHER RESOURCES OF THE INSTITUTION; AND

(VII) THE INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE INSTITUTION.

(B) TO LIMIT THE AUTHORITY TO APPROPRIATE FOR EXPENDITURE OR ACCUMULATE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, A GIFT INSTRUMENT MUST SPECIFICALLY STATE THE LIMITATION.

(C) TERMS IN A GIFT INSTRUMENT DESIGNATING A GIFT AS AN ENDOWMENT, OR A DIRECTION OR AUTHORIZATION IN THE GIFT INSTRUMENT TO USE ONLY "INCOME", "INTEREST", "DIVIDENDS", OR "RENTS, ISSUES, OR PROFITS", OR "TO PRESERVE THE PRINCIPAL INTACT", OR WORDS OF SIMILAR IMPORT:

(1) CREATE AN ENDOWMENT FUND OF PERMANENT DURATION UNLESS OTHER LANGUAGE IN THE GIFT INSTRUMENT LIMITS THE DURATION OR PURPOSE OF THE FUND; AND

(2) DO NOT OTHERWISE LIMIT THE AUTHORITY TO APPROPRIATE FOR EXPENDITURE OR ACCUMULATE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, FAIR MARKET VALUE SHALL BE CALCULATED:

(I) IF AN ENDOWMENT FUND HAS EXISTED AT LEAST 3 YEARS, ON THE BASIS OF THE MARKET VALUE DETERMINED AT LEAST QUARTERLY AND AVERAGED OVER A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 3 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE YEAR IN WHICH THE APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENDITURE IS MADE; OR

(II) IF AN ENDOWMENT FUND HAS EXISTED FOR FEWER THAN 3 YEARS, FOR THE PERIOD THE ENDOWMENT FUND HAS EXISTED.

(2) THE APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENDITURE IN ANY YEAR OF AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN 7 PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF AN ENDOWMENT FUND CREATES A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF IMPRUDENCE.

(3) THE INSTITUTION SHALL NOTIFY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENDITURE IN ANY YEAR OF AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN 7 PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF AN ENDOWMENT FUND.

(4) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT:

(I) APPLY TO AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENDITURE PERMITTED UNDER LAW OTHER THAN THIS SUBTITLE OR BY THE GIFT INSTRUMENT; OR

(II) CREATE A PRESUMPTION OF PRUDENCE FOR AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENDITURE OF AN AMOUNT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 7 PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

15-404.

(A) (1) SUBJECT TO ANY SPECIFIC LIMITATION SET FORTH IN A GIFT INSTRUMENT OR IN LAW OTHER THAN THIS SUBTITLE, AN INSTITUTION MAY DELEGATE TO AN EXTERNAL AGENT THE MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT OF AN INSTITUTIONAL FUND TO THE EXTENT THAT AN INSTITUTION COULD PRUDENTLY DELEGATE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

(2) AN INSTITUTION SHALL ~~ACT IN GOOD FAITH, WITH THE CARE THAT AN ORDINARILY PRUDENT PERSON IN A LIKE POSITION WOULD EXERCISE UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES~~ EXERCISE ORDINARY BUSINESS CARE AND PRUDENCE UNDER THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING AT THE TIME OF THE ACTION OR DECISION, IN:

(I) SELECTING AN AGENT;

(II) ESTABLISHING THE SCOPE AND TERMS OF THE DELEGATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THE INSTITUTION AND THE INSTITUTIONAL FUND; AND

(III) PERIODICALLY REVIEWING THE ACTIONS OF THE AGENT IN ORDER TO MONITOR THE PERFORMANCE AND COMPLIANCE OF THE AGENT WITH THE SCOPE AND TERMS OF THE DELEGATION.

(B) IN PERFORMING A DELEGATED FUNCTION, AN AGENT OWES A DUTY TO THE INSTITUTION TO EXERCISE REASONABLE CARE TO COMPLY WITH THE SCOPE AND TERMS OF THE DELEGATION.

~~(C) AN INSTITUTION THAT COMPLIES WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT LIABLE FOR THE DECISIONS OR ACTIONS OF AN AGENT TO WHICH THE FUNCTION WAS DELEGATED.~~

(C) THE STANDARD ESTABLISHED BY § 15-402(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS NOT LIMITED OR EXTINGUISHED BY THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXTERNAL AGENT.

(D) BY ACCEPTING DELEGATION OF A MANAGEMENT OR INVESTMENT FUNCTION FROM AN INSTITUTION THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE, AN AGENT SUBMITS TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE IN ALL PROCEEDINGS ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO THE DELEGATION OR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DELEGATED FUNCTION.

(E) AN INSTITUTION MAY DELEGATE MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT FUNCTIONS TO THE COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, OR EMPLOYEES OF THE INSTITUTION AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW OTHER THAN THIS SUBTITLE.

15-405.

(A) (1) IF THE DONOR CONSENTS IN A RECORD, AN INSTITUTION MAY RELEASE OR MODIFY, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, A RESTRICTION CONTAINED IN A GIFT INSTRUMENT ON THE MANAGEMENT, INVESTMENT, OR PURPOSE OF AN INSTITUTIONAL FUND.

(2) A RELEASE OR MODIFICATION MAY NOT ALLOW A FUND TO BE USED FOR A PURPOSE OTHER THAN A CHARITABLE PURPOSE OF THE INSTITUTION.

(B) (1) A IF WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE DONOR CANNOT BE OBTAINED BY REASON OF THE DEATH, DISABILITY, UNAVAILABILITY, OR IMPOSSIBILITY OF IDENTIFICATION OF THE DONOR, A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, ON APPLICATION OF AN INSTITUTION, MAY MODIFY A RESTRICTION CONTAINED IN A GIFT INSTRUMENT REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OR INVESTMENT OF AN INSTITUTIONAL FUND IF THE RESTRICTION HAS BECOME IMPRACTICABLE OR WASTEFUL, IF THE

~~RESTRICTION IMPAIRS THE MANAGEMENT OR INVESTMENT OF THE FUND~~
~~OBSELETE, INAPPROPRIATE, OR IMPRACTICABLE,~~ OR IF, BECAUSE OF
CIRCUMSTANCES NOT ANTICIPATED BY THE DONOR, A MODIFICATION OF A
RESTRICTION WILL CLEARLY FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF THE FUND.

(2) (I) THE INSTITUTION SHALL NOTIFY THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL OF THE INSTITUTION'S APPLICATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
SUBSECTION, AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY
TO BE HEARD.

(II) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, ANY MODIFICATION
MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MUST BE MADE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE DONOR'S PROBABLE INTENTION.

(C) (1) IF A PARTICULAR CHARITABLE PURPOSE OR A RESTRICTION
CONTAINED IN A GIFT INSTRUMENT ON THE USE OF AN INSTITUTIONAL FUND
BECOMES UNLAWFUL, IMPRACTICABLE, ~~IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE, OR~~
~~WASTEFUL OR IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE AND WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE DONOR~~
CANNOT BE OBTAINED BY REASON OF THE DEATH, DISABILITY,
UNAVAILABILITY, OR IMPOSSIBILITY OF IDENTIFICATION OF THE DONOR, A
COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, ON APPLICATION OF AN INSTITUTION,
MAY MODIFY THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND OR THE RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF
THE FUND ~~IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE CHARITABLE PURPOSES~~
~~EXPRESSED IN THE GIFT INSTRUMENT~~ IF THE DONOR MANIFESTED A GENERAL
CHARITABLE INTENT.

(2) THE INSTITUTION SHALL NOTIFY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF THE INSTITUTION'S APPLICATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
SUBSECTION, AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY
TO BE HEARD.

(D) IF AN INSTITUTION DETERMINES THAT A RESTRICTION CONTAINED
IN A GIFT INSTRUMENT ON THE MANAGEMENT, INVESTMENT, OR PURPOSE OF
AN INSTITUTIONAL FUND IS UNLAWFUL, IMPRACTICABLE, ~~IMPOSSIBLE TO~~
~~ACHIEVE, OR WASTEFUL OR IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE,~~ THE INSTITUTION, 60
DAYS AFTER NOTIFICATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MAY RELEASE OR
MODIFY THE RESTRICTION, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IF:

(1) THE INSTITUTIONAL FUND SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTION
HAS A TOTAL VALUE OF LESS THAN \$50,000;

(2) MORE THAN 20 YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE FUND WAS
ESTABLISHED; AND

(3) THE INSTITUTION USES THE PROPERTY IN A MANNER CLEARLY CONSISTENT WITH THE CHARITABLE PURPOSES EXPRESSED IN THE GIFT INSTRUMENT.

15-406.

COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE DETERMINED IN LIGHT OF THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES EXISTING AT THE TIME A DECISION IS MADE OR ACTION IS TAKEN.

15-407.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS EXISTING ON OR ESTABLISHED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHAPTER 134 (S.B.____/H.B. 200) (9LR1493/9LR0345) OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 2009.

(B) AS APPLIED TO INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS EXISTING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHAPTER 134 (S.B.____/H.B. 200) (9LR1493/9LR0345) OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 2009, THIS SUBTITLE GOVERNS ONLY DECISIONS MADE OR ACTIONS TAKEN ON OR AFTER THAT DATE.

15-408.

THIS SUBTITLE MODIFIES, LIMITS, AND SUPERSEDES THE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 7001 ET SEQ., BUT DOES NOT MODIFY, LIMIT, OR SUPERSEDE ~~§ 101~~ § 101(C) OF THAT ACT, 15 U.S.C. ~~§ 7001(A)~~ § 7001(C), OR AUTHORIZE ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF THE NOTICES DESCRIBED IN ~~§ 103~~ § 103(B) OF THAT ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 7003(B).

15-409.

IN APPLYING AND CONSTRUING THIS SUBTITLE, WHICH IS A UNIFORM ACT, CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE NEED TO PROMOTE UNIFORMITY OF THE LAW WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE LAW AMONG THE STATES THAT ENACT THE LAW.

15-410.

THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE "MARYLAND UNIFORM PRUDENT MANAGEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS ACT".

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2009.