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Williamsburg — General Assembly financing for a new law school building during the coming biennium apparently is not crucial to the continued American Bar Association accreditation of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary.

President Thomas A. Graves Jr., and an ABA representative who visited William and Mary on Wednesday, both indicated that the college is considering "interim solutions" that could satisfy the ABA's demand for a new building. Graves disclosed three weeks ago that ABA accreditation is in jeopardy, largely because of the inadequacy of the school's physical facilities, and he reiterated his request for state General Assembly financial support for the law school.

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ABA Aide, Graves  Hopeful

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Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee said that money will be extremely tight. He also pointed out that the college is considering alternatives to a new building, including transferring some classes to a nearby hospital or using an existing building on the campus for a new law library. He also mentioned that the college is considering how best to cope with the situation if alternative plans become necessary on a temporary basis.

Looking for Solutions  White, speaking at a news conference, said that the college indicated that they are looking at some interim solutions. He stressed once again the inadequacy of the law school's physical plant and library, saying that it is "in no way in compliance with our standards."

Admissions Policy  Later, though, he said that one of the most important concerns was the college's admissions policy. As the ABA's report was, he was required to read the policy aloud. White said, "We are not satisfied with the standards that are being met and we should do something to correct the situation." He suggested that the college's admissions policy be revised to meet the standards set by the ABA.

White stressed, in his statement that the college's academic program, faculty and students should continue to be approved by the American Bar Association. He also said that the college is looking for a way to correct these concerns. White said, "We do not want to lose our accreditation."