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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- *Ways and Means and Appropriations/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
and Budget and Taxation* --

Introduced by **Delegate Rawlings (Task Force to Study College Readiness for  
Disadvantaged and Capable Students) and Delegates Cryor, Kopp,  
Rudolph, Taylor, McIntosh, Arnick, Busch, Conway, Dewberry, Doory,  
Harrison, Hixson, Howard, Hurson, Menes, Montague, Owings,  
Rosenberg, Vallario, and Wood**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER 429

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **College Readiness for Disadvantaged and Capable Students Act of 2002**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the Maryland Professional Development Program in~~  
4 ~~the State Department of Education; providing for the purpose of the Maryland~~  
5 ~~Professional Development Program; requiring the Department to distribute~~  
6 ~~certain grants to counties for certain purposes; providing that the Maryland~~  
7 ~~Professional Development Program may include certain elements; requiring~~  
8 ~~that funds for the Maryland Professional Development Program be provided in~~  
9 ~~the State budget; requiring the Department~~ *State Department of Education* ~~to~~  
10 distribute a grant in certain amounts to ~~each county~~ certain counties for the  
11 administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test; changing the name  
12 of the State Scholarship Administration; requiring the Governor to include a

1 certain amount of funds in the budget for certain need-based programs;  
2 providing for students to qualify in a certain grade for a Guaranteed Access  
3 Grant; requiring certain students to agree to certain conditions in order to  
4 receive a Guaranteed Access Grant in certain years; establishing the College  
5 Readiness Outreach Program in the Maryland Higher Education Commission  
6 and the State Department of Education; providing that the College Readiness  
7 Outreach Program will provide certain assistance to certain students; providing  
8 certain State funding for the College Readiness Outreach Program; providing  
9 for certain institutions of higher education to make Education Excellence  
10 Awards to certain students in certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland  
11 Higher Education Commission to establish certain guidelines and adopt certain  
12 regulations for certain awards by certain institutions of higher education;  
13 requiring certain institutions of higher education to provide an audit describing  
14 the disposition of certain funds; providing for the allocation of funds to certain  
15 institutions of higher education by the Maryland Higher Education Commission;  
16 establishing the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program for  
17 certain students at certain institutions of higher education; establishing certain  
18 eligibility standards for the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship  
19 Program; providing for certain scholarship amounts; providing certain funding  
20 for the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program; requiring the  
21 Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish certain guidelines and  
22 adopt certain regulations for the Maryland Graduate and Professional  
23 Scholarship Program; requiring certain institutions of higher education to  
24 provide an audit describing the disposition of certain funds; ~~requiring the~~  
25 ~~Department to review current pay for teachers and school administrators and~~  
26 ~~make certain recommendations; requiring the Department to submit a certain~~  
27 ~~report to the Governor and General Assembly by a certain date; declaring the~~  
28 ~~intent of the General Assembly that the Governor shall include a certain amount~~  
29 ~~in a certain State budget for the Maryland Professional Development Program;~~  
30 ~~declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor shall include a~~  
31 ~~certain amount in a certain State budget for the administration of the~~  
32 ~~Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test; declaring the intent of the General~~  
33 ~~Assembly that the K-16 Leadership Council be formalized through a certain~~  
34 ~~memorandum of understanding, that establishment of a K-16 Research and~~  
35 ~~Development Institute and Maryland Clearinghouse for Educational Statistics~~  
36 ~~be established studied; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the~~  
37 ~~Department develop, in conjunction with the Professional Standards and~~  
38 ~~Teacher in Teaching Education Board, a certificate for middle school teachers;~~  
39 ~~declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor include certain~~  
40 ~~funds in the budget for certain need-based programs; declaring the intent of the~~  
41 ~~General Assembly that the College Readiness Outreach Program be~~  
42 ~~implemented over a certain number of years; declaring the intent of the General~~  
43 ~~Assembly that the Governor shall include a certain amount in a certain State~~  
44 ~~budget for a certain pilot of the College Readiness Outreach Program; declaring~~  
45 ~~the intent of the General Assembly that additional counties be added to the~~  
46 ~~College Readiness Outreach Program as funds are provided in the budget;~~  
47 requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in consultation with the  
48 State Department of Education, on or before a certain date, to complete a certain

1 *evaluation of the College Readiness Outreach Program and submit a certain*  
 2 *report to the General Assembly; declaring the intent of the General Assembly*  
 3 *that the Governor include certain funds in a certain State budget for certain*  
 4 *awards; providing for future corrections to certain obsolete references by the*  
 5 *publisher of the Annotated Code; and generally relating to college readiness for*  
 6 *students in Maryland.*

7 BY adding to  
 8 Article - Education  
 9 Section ~~6-801 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Professional~~  
 10 ~~Development";~~ 7-203.1, 18-303(d), and 18-303.1; and 18-2601 to be under  
 11 the new subtitle "Subtitle 26. Maryland Graduate and Professional  
 12 Scholarship Program"  
 13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 14 (2001 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 16 Article - Education  
 17 Section 18-101, 18-107(a), 18-201 through 18-204, 18-303(b) and (c), and  
 18 18-304 through 18-307  
 19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 20 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

23 **Article - Education**

24 **~~SUBTITLE 8. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.~~**

25 ~~6-801.~~

26 ~~(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE~~  
 27 ~~DEPARTMENT.~~

28 ~~(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:~~

29 ~~(1) PROVIDE INTENSIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS,~~  
 30 ~~PRINCIPALS, AND GUIDANCE COUNSELORS IN THE STATE EACH YEAR ON METHODS~~  
 31 ~~AND PRACTICES THAT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT STUDENT LEARNING WITH EMPHASIS~~  
 32 ~~ON INSTRUCTION OF DISADVANTAGED AND CAPABLE STUDENTS;~~

33 ~~(2) TEACH HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELORS TO DIAGNOSTICALLY~~  
 34 ~~INTERPRET THE RESULTS OF THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST AND~~  
 35 ~~TO USE THE RESULTS TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN PREPARING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION~~  
 36 ~~PROGRAMS; AND~~

1           (3)     PROMOTE THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE  
2 STATE.

3     (C)     ~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO COUNTIES FOR THE~~  
4 ~~ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS~~  
5 ~~EACH YEAR FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS, PRINCIPALS,~~  
6 ~~AND GUIDANCE COUNSELORS IN THE STATE.~~

7     (D)     ~~THE PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE:~~

8           (1)     ~~INDUCTION AND MENTORING OF NEW TEACHERS;~~

9           (2)     ~~INSTRUCTION ON TECHNIQUES FOR TEACHING DISADVANTAGED~~  
10 ~~AND CAPABLE STUDENTS;~~

11          (3)     ~~EXAMINATION OF A REDUCED WORKLOAD FOR FIRST YEAR~~  
12 ~~TEACHERS; AND~~

13          (4)     ~~SUMMER WORKSHOPS.~~

14     (E)     ~~FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL~~  
15 ~~BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT.~~

16 7-203.1.

17     (A)     (1)     ~~FOR FISCAL YEARS 2003 AND 2005 2004, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL~~  
18 ~~DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTIES, AS DEFINED IN~~  
19 ~~ARTICLE 83A, § 5-701 OF THE CODE, FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRELIMINARY~~  
20 ~~SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST TO 10TH GRADE STUDENTS.~~

21           (2)     ~~FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR, THE~~  
22 ~~DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO EACH COUNTY FOR THE~~  
23 ~~ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST TO 10TH~~  
24 ~~GRADE STUDENTS.~~

25     (B)     ~~SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE~~  
26 ~~AMOUNT OF EACH COUNTY'S GRANT SHALL BE IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT FOR THE~~  
27 ~~ADMINISTRATION OF THE TEST TO ALL 10TH GRADE STUDENTS IN THE COUNTY.~~

28 18-101.

29     (a)     In this title[,] the following words have the meanings indicated.

30     (b)     ["Administration" means the State Scholarship Administration.

31     (c)]     "Commission" means the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

32     (C)     "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

33     (d)     "Secretary" means the Secretary of Higher Education.

1 18-107.

2 (a) (1) Each year, money for each award program under this title shall be  
3 included in the State budget.

4 (2) EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET  
5 AT LEAST 80 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR  
6 FOR NEED-BASED PROGRAMS AS PROVIDED IN §§ 18-301, 18-706(D), 18-1401, 18-1501,  
7 AND 18-2601 OF THIS TITLE AND § 13-613(D)(1) OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

8 18-201.

9 There is [a State Scholarship Administration] AN OFFICE OF STUDENT  
10 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE within the Commission.

11 18-202.

12 (a) The head of the [Administration] OFFICE is the Executive Director, who  
13 shall be appointed by the Secretary.

14 (b) Subject to the general policies of the Maryland Higher Education  
15 Commission and the general supervision of the Secretary, the Executive Director  
16 exercises the powers and performs the duties under this title.

17 18-203.

18 (a) The [Administration] OFFICE may employ the additional staff necessary  
19 to carry out its functions as provided in the State budget.

20 (b) Each employee of the [Administration] OFFICE is entitled to the  
21 compensation provided in the State budget.

22 (c) In conducting their operations, the Commission and [Administration]  
23 OFFICE shall share resources and coordinate their activities in order to enhance the  
24 efficient utilization of resources in the performance of their functions.

25 18-204.

26 (a) In addition to any other powers granted and duties imposed by this title,  
27 the [Administration] OFFICE has the powers and duties set forth in this section.

28 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the [Administration] OFFICE  
29 shall:

30 (1) Administer the scholarship and tuition assistance programs under  
31 this title;

32 (2) Issue and disseminate public information about these scholarships;

33 (3) Regulate the form and submission of applications for scholarships  
34 and tuition assistance under this title; and

1           (4)     Conduct conferences and interviews with applicants to evaluate their  
2 eligibility.

3           (c)     The [Administration] OFFICE may adopt any rule or regulation necessary  
4 to carry out its powers and duties.

5           (d)     The [Administration] OFFICE:

6           (1)     Shall administer any federal program of scholarships or grants to  
7 students or institutions except for the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship which shall be  
8 administered by the Maryland State Department of Education; and

9           (2)     May do anything necessary to comply with any federal law relating to  
10 these scholarships or grants.

11          (e)     The [Administration] OFFICE shall:

12          (1)     Arrange for the competitive examination required of applicants for  
13 certain scholarships; and

14          (2)     Send the results of the examination to the appropriate institutions  
15 and to the person who awards the scholarship.

16          (f)     The [Administration] OFFICE shall:

17          (1)     Analyze under uniform standards the financial need of each  
18 applicant for a scholarship for which financial need is a consideration; and

19          (2)     Send its analysis to the appropriate institution and the person who  
20 awards the scholarship.

21 18-303.

22          (b)     [Each] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, EACH recipient of  
23 an Educational Excellence Award shall:

24          (1)     Be accepted for admission in the regular undergraduate program at  
25 an eligible institution or be enrolled in a [two-year] 2-YEAR associate degree  
26 program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited  
27 baccalaureate program in an eligible institution;

28          (2)     Be a resident of this State;

29          (3)     Demonstrate to the [State Scholarship Administration] OFFICE a  
30 definite financial need; and

31          (4)     Accept any other conditions attached to the award.

32          (c)     Each recipient of a Guaranteed Access Grant shall:

1 (1) Have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or  
2 its equivalent at the end of the first semester of the senior year in high school and  
3 have completed high school or, failing to do so, on the recommendation of the  
4 recipient's high school principal, provide evidence satisfactory to the [State  
5 Scholarship Administration] OFFICE of extenuating circumstances;

6 (2) Begin college within 1 year of completing high school or, failing to do  
7 so, provide evidence satisfactory to the [State Scholarship Administration] OFFICE of  
8 extenuating circumstances;

9 (3) Be under the age of 22 years at the time of receiving the first award;

10 (4) Have successfully completed a college preparatory program in high  
11 school;

12 (5) Enroll in college as a full-time student;

13 (6) Have an annual family income below a poverty index determined by  
14 the Commission; and

15 (7) Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

16 (D) A STUDENT IN GRADE 9 OR GRADE 10 WHO APPLIES AND QUALIFIES FOR A  
17 GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT AWARD ON THE BASIS OF FINANCIAL NEED AS  
18 ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL PREQUALIFY FOR A GUARANTEED  
19 ACCESS AWARD TO BE USED AT THE TIME OF ENROLLMENT IN AN INSTITUTION OF  
20 HIGHER EDUCATION BY AGREEING IN WRITING, AS A SECONDARY AND  
21 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT, TO:

22 (1) SATISFY THE ATTENDANCE POLICY OF THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL;

23 (2) REFRAIN FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE;

24 (3) PROVIDE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION OR THE  
25 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

26 (4) COMPLETE AND FILE ON A TIMELY BASIS APPLICATIONS FOR  
27 FEDERAL STUDENT AID FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE STUDENT PLANS TO ENROLL IN  
28 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION;

29 (5) PARTICIPATE IN THE COLLEGE READINESS OUTREACH PROGRAM  
30 ESTABLISHED IN § 18-303.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE UNTIL THE STUDENT GRADUATES  
31 FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND MATRICULATES AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
32 EDUCATION; AND

33 (6) SATISFY ANY OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS SET BY THE OFFICE,  
34 THE COMMISSION, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
35 OF EDUCATION.

1 18-303.1.

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE COLLEGE READINESS  
3 OUTREACH PROGRAM.

4 (B) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH  
5 COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS  
6 OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SHALL JOINTLY ADMINISTER THE COLLEGE READINESS  
7 OUTREACH PROGRAM.

8 (C) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY  
9 FOR A GUARANTEED ACCESS AWARD IN 9TH OR 10TH GRADE TO ASSIST THE  
10 STUDENTS IN SUCCESSFULLY:

11 (1) COMPLETING A COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM;

12 (2) GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL; AND

13 (3) MATRICULATING AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS  
14 DEFINED IN §§ 18-305 AND 18-308 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

15 (D) (1) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE  
16 STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL COORDINATORS FOR THE PROGRAM.

17 (2) THE STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL COORDINATORS SHALL:

18 (I) WORK WITH COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND COUNTY  
19 SUPERINTENDENTS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING TO  
20 PARTICIPATING STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL; AND

21 (II) PUBLICIZE THE PROGRAM THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
22 AND MARKETING MATERIALS.

23 (E) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS  
24 WITH EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE COUNSELING AND MENTORING  
25 SERVICES TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

26 (F) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUPPLEMENT  
27 PROFESSIONAL MENTORS WITH:

28 (1) POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS RECEIVING WORK-STUDY ASSISTANCE  
29 AT MARYLAND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

30 (2) SECONDARY STUDENTS IN 11TH AND 12TH GRADES WHO ARE  
31 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

32 (G) (1) ~~THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE FUNDS IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR~~  
33 ~~THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM FUNDS~~  
34 FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

1           (2)     TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED, THE STATE SHALL  
2 PROVIDE 50 PERCENT OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOCAL  
3 ADMINISTRATION AND ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM,  
4 EXCEPT THAT IN A COUNTY THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF A "QUALIFIED  
5 DISTRESSED COUNTY" UNDER ARTICLE 83A, § 5-1501(A)(8) OF THE CODE THE STATE  
6 SHALL PROVIDE 75 PERCENT OF THE COSTS.

7     (H)     THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS  
8 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

9 18-304.

10     (a)     (1)     [The Administration] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 18-307 OF THIS  
11 SUBTITLE, THE OFFICE shall determine the amount of each Educational Excellence  
12 Award based on the financial need of the applicant.

13           (2)     In determining the amount of financial need, the [Administration]  
14 OFFICE shall consider regional cost-of-living differences.

15     (b)     (1)     Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an  
16 Educational Excellence Award may be awarded in \$100 increments and the award for  
17 a single year may not be less than \$400 or more than \$3,000.

18           (2)     (i)     All applicants who fulfill the requirements established in §  
19 18-303(b) and (c) of this subtitle shall receive a Guaranteed Access Grant.

20                   (ii)     The amount of a Guaranteed Access Grant shall be equal to 100  
21 percent of the student's financial need as determined by the [State Scholarship  
22 Administration] OFFICE, not to exceed the equivalent annual expenses of a full-time  
23 resident undergraduate at the University of Maryland, College Park.

24 18-305.

25     (a)     An Educational Excellence Award may be used:

26           (1)     At a degree granting institution of higher education, an eligible  
27 institution with an associate degree program that provides transfer credit for an  
28 accredited baccalaureate program, or a hospital diploma school for training registered  
29 nurses if the curriculum is approved by the Commission; and

30           (2)     For educational expenses as defined by the Commission, including:

31                   (i)     Tuition and fees; and

32                   (ii)    Room and board.

33     (b)     Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, an Educational  
34 Excellence Award may be used at a school in another state if:

35           (1)     There is a reciprocal agreement as provided in § 18-308 of this  
36 subtitle; and

1 (2) The school meets requirements of subsection (a)(1) of this section.

2 (c) The [Administration] OFFICE may not award more than 10% of the funds  
3 available for each of the types of grants awarded under this subtitle for use by  
4 students attending schools in another state.

5 18-306.

6 (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, each recipient of  
7 an Educational Excellence Award may hold the award for 5 years if the recipient:

8 (1) Continues to be a resident of this State;

9 (2) Continues to be a full-time student at an eligible institution and  
10 takes at least 12 semester hours of courses each semester, or its equivalent as  
11 determined by the [Administration] OFFICE;

12 (3) In the judgment of the institution, is making satisfactory progress  
13 toward a degree; and

14 (4) Maintains the standards of the institution.

15 (b) Each recipient of an Educational Excellence Award who is enrolled in an  
16 associate degree program as permitted in § 18-303(b)(1) of this subtitle may hold the  
17 award for 3 years if the same conditions of subsection (a) of this section are met.

18 (c) Each recipient of an Educational Excellence Award may hold the award for  
19 a 5th year if the recipient:

20 (1) Is enrolled in an academic program that, as determined by the  
21 institution, requires 5 years to complete; or

22 (2) Provides evidence, satisfactory to the [State Scholarship  
23 Administration] OFFICE, of extenuating financial, academic, or other circumstances  
24 that prevent the recipient from completing the academic program in 4 years.

25 (d) In addition to the requirements for renewal of an Educational Excellence  
26 Award under subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, a recipient of a Guaranteed  
27 Access Grant shall hold the grant for not more than 5 consecutive years or, failing to  
28 do so, provide evidence satisfactory to the [State Scholarship Administration]  
29 OFFICE of extenuating circumstances.

30 18-307.

31 (a) [The Administration] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS  
32 SECTION, THE OFFICE shall compile and certify lists for the entire State that rank  
33 applicants by financial need.

34 (b) All funds for annual initial grants shall be awarded from the statewide list  
35 on the basis of greatest financial need.

1 (c) On or before May 1 of each year, the Administration shall send each  
2 Senator and each Delegate a list of individuals in each legislative district to whom  
3 Educational Excellence Awards are awarded.

4 (D) (1) IF STATE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE, INSTITUTIONS  
5 OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE MAY PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE  
6 AWARDS TO STUDENTS WHO OTHERWISE MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING  
7 AN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD BUT WHO APPLY AFTER THE MARCH 1  
8 DEADLINE OR HAVE OTHER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

9 (2) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

10 (I) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARDING OF  
11 EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS BY THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
12 TO THE STUDENTS; AND

13 (II) ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION  
14 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

15 (3) (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL ALLOCATE AVAILABLE FUNDS TO  
16 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION BASED ON THE PROPORTION OF STATE  
17 RESIDENTS ENROLLED AT EACH INSTITUTION WHO RECEIVE FEDERAL PELL  
18 GRANTS.

19 (II) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT RECEIVES  
20 FUNDS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH AN  
21 ANNUAL AUDIT DESCRIBING THE DISPOSITION OF THE FUNDS.

22 SUBTITLE 26. MARYLAND GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

23 18-2601.

24 (A) IN COOPERATION WITH THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN  
25 THE STATE, THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A GRADUATE  
26 AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
27 TO FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDENTS IN THE FIELDS OF MEDICINE, DENTISTRY,  
28 LAW, PHARMACY, NURSING, SOCIAL WORK, AND VETERINARY MEDICINE.

29 (B) A RECIPIENT OF A GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SHALL:

30 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

31 (2) DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED ACCORDING TO CRITERIA  
32 ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION; AND

33 (3) ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

34 (I) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF:

35 1. MEDICINE;



1           (1)     implementation of a differential pay scale for teachers and school  
2 administrators;

3           (2)     optional 12-month contracts for teachers and school administrators;

4           (3)     Maryland's financial incentives in relation to the financial incentives  
5 offered in other states; and

6           (4)     targeting financial incentives to the recruitment and retention of  
7 teachers and school administrators.

8       (b)     The State Department of Education shall provide a final report of its  
9 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of  
10 the State Government Article, to the General Assembly by January 1, 2003.

11       ~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the~~  
12 ~~General Assembly that the Governor shall include in the State budget for fiscal year~~  
13 ~~2003 an appropriation of at least \$2,730,000 for the Maryland Professional~~  
14 ~~Development Program in § 6-801 of the Education Article as enacted in this Act.~~

15       SECTION 4. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the  
16 General Assembly that the Governor shall include in the State budget for fiscal year  
17 2003 an appropriation of at least \$476,000 in an amount sufficient to fund the  
18 provisions of § 7-203.1 of the Education Article, as enacted in this Act, for the  
19 administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test to every 10th grade  
20 student students in the State. The Governor shall include an appropriation in the  
21 State budget for fiscal year 2004 and each subsequent fiscal year in an amount  
22 sufficient to fund the provisions of § 7-203.1 of the Education Article, as enacted in  
23 this Act.

24       ~~SECTION 5. 3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the  
25 General Assembly that:

26       (a)     The K-16 Leadership Council shall be formalized through a Memorandum  
27 of Understanding signed by the State Superintendent of Schools, the Secretary of  
28 Higher Education, the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, and private  
29 colleges and universities.

30       (b)     ~~If funding is provided in the State budget, the~~ The K-16 Leadership  
31 Council shall establish study and plan for the establishment of the K-16 Research  
32 and Development Institute and the Maryland Clearinghouse for Educational  
33 Statistics.

34       ~~SECTION 6. 4.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the  
35 General Assembly that the State Department of Education develop, in conjunction  
36 with the Professional Standards and Teacher in Teaching Education Board, a  
37 certificate for middle school teachers.

38       ~~SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the~~  
39 ~~General Assembly that the Governor include sufficient funds in the State budget of~~

1 the Maryland Higher Education Commission to provide awards to all students  
 2 eligible for need-based programs under §§ 18-301, 18-706(d), 18-1401, 18-1501, and  
 3 18-2601 of the Education Article and § 13-613(d)(1) of the Transportation Article.

4 SECTION ~~8~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the  
 5 General Assembly that:

6 (a) The College Readiness Outreach Program established in § 18-303.1 of the  
 7 Education Article in this Act be implemented over a 5-year period beginning in fiscal  
 8 ~~2003~~ 2004, to the extent that funds are available;

9 (b) The Governor shall include an appropriation of at least \$1.2 million in the  
 10 State budget in fiscal 2003 for the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the  
 11 State Department of Education for a pilot of the College Readiness Outreach Program  
 12 for up to 1,000 students in Allegany, Prince George's, and Wicomico counties and  
 13 Baltimore City; and

14 (b) In the first year of implementation, to the extent that funds are available,  
 15 the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the State Department of Education  
 16 shall implement the College Readiness Outreach Program for up to 1,000 students in  
 17 Allegany, Prince George's, and Wicomico counties and Baltimore City; and

18 (c) As funds are provided in the State budget, additional counties shall be  
 19 added to the College Readiness Outreach Program until students from all counties in  
 20 Maryland are participating in the Program; and

21 (d) On or before July 1, 2007, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in  
 22 consultation with the State Department of Education, shall:

23 (1) Complete a performance evaluation of the College Readiness Outreach  
 24 Program that shall evaluate both the outcomes and the effectiveness of the Program;  
 25 and

26 (2) Report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the  
 27 State Government Article, on the performance evaluation and any recommendations  
 28 for increasing the effectiveness of the Program.

29 SECTION ~~9~~. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the  
 30 General Assembly that the Governor include \$3 million in the State budget in fiscal  
 31 2003 to implement Education Excellence Awards to be made by institutions of higher  
 32 education in the State established under § 18-307(d) of the Education Article.

33 SECTION ~~10~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any reference in the  
 34 Annotated Code rendered obsolete by this Act shall be corrected by the publisher of  
 35 the Annotated Code, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the  
 36 Department of Legislative Services, with no further action required by the General  
 37 Assembly. The publisher of the Annotated Code shall adequately describe any such  
 38 correction in an editor's note following the section affected.

1 SECTION ~~44.7~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
2 effect July 1, 2002.