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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Community Colleges - Students with a Documented**  
3 **Disability**

4 FOR the purpose of allocating a grant in a certain amount to the Maryland Higher  
5 Education Commission to be distributed to community college boards and to the  
6 Baltimore City Community College Board of Trustees on a certain basis;  
7 requiring the boards and the Board of Trustees to use the funds for a certain  
8 purpose; requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Maryland  
9 Association of Community Colleges, to adopt certain regulations for the  
10 administration of the grant; and generally relating to the funding of services  
11 and programs for students with a documented disability at both community  
12 colleges and the Baltimore City Community College.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article - Education  
15 Section 16-305(g)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Education**

21 16-305.

22 (G) (1) (I) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2007, AND EACH FISCAL YEAR  
23 THEREAFTER, A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000 SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO THE  
24 COMMISSION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE BOARDS OF EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
25 AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN  
26 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION.

1                   (II)     THE COMMISSION SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE GRANT ON A PER  
2 STUDENT BASIS, FOR EACH STUDENT WITH A DOCUMENTED DISABILITY, AS  
3 DEFINED BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, WHO ATTENDS COMMUNITY  
4 COLLEGE OR THE BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

5                   (III)    THE BOARDS AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
6 BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL USE THE FUNDS DISTRIBUTED  
7 UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH TO MEET THE SPECIAL SERVICES  
8 AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF A STUDENT WITH A DOCUMENTED DISABILITY WHO  
9 ATTENDS THE COLLEGE.

10               (2)     (I)     MONEY THAT IS APPROPRIATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF  
11 THIS SUBSECTION THAT IS NOT USED BY THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR MAY NOT  
12 REVERT TO THE STATE TREASURY.

13                   (II)     ALL MONEY RETAINED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS  
14 PARAGRAPH SHALL BE USED TO MAKE AWARDS TO STUDENTS WITH A DOCUMENTED  
15 DISABILITY AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEVEL DURING SUBSEQUENT FISCAL  
16 YEARS AND MAY NOT BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES.

17                   (III)    A BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY NOT TRANSFER STATE FUNDS  
18 RECEIVED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO ANY OTHER PROGRAM OR CATEGORY.

19               (3)     THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND  
20 ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE  
21 ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT.

22     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 July 1, 2005.