

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2014 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 112 (Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Higher  
Education Commission)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

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**Maryland Higher Education Commission - Innovative Partnerships for  
Technology Program - Repeal**

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This departmental bill repeals the defunct Innovative Partnerships for Technology Program for community colleges.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The deadline for institutions to raise private donations for the program was June 30, 2006, and all State matching funds for the program were expended by the end of FY 2009.

**Local Effect:** None. The deadline for institutions to raise private donations for the program was June 30, 2006, and all State matching funds for the program were expended by the end of FY 2009.

**Small Business Effect:** The Maryland Higher Education Commission has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services concurs with this assessment as discussed below.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** Chapter 601 of 1998 established the Innovative Partnerships for Technology Program. The purpose of the program was to enhance the technology available in community colleges and to leverage private support for community colleges through the use of State matching funds.

The Innovative Partnerships for Technology Program required the State to match technology donations made to community colleges. The program ran twice: once from fiscal 1999 through 2002, and again from fiscal 2003 through 2006. There were two eligibility phases each time the program was operated.

The State was required to match the monetary value of the donations made to a college during the first eligible period, up to a maximum State match per college. The maximum State match was \$150,000 per college for the most recent time the program was authorized. If a college reached the maximum State match during the first eligible period, it was eligible to participate in the program during the second eligible period. In the second eligible period, a community college could again earn a State match. The State match was paid in the second or third fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the pledge was made. The State paid its final scheduled payment on contributions received in fiscal 2009.

To determine what donations were eligible for a State match, private technology donations were compared to the donations each institution received in the prior fiscal year. To be eligible, donations were required to be from new donors or represent increases over the amounts given by donors. Donations were also required to be specifically designated for technology.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Higher Education Commission, Department of Legislative Services

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## ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Maryland Higher Education Commission – Innovative Partnerships  
for Technology Program - Repeal

BILL NUMBER: SB 112

PREPARED BY: Maryland Higher Education Commission

### PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL  
BUSINESS

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL  
BUSINESSES

### PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

This proposed legislative change only impacts administrative procedures at MHEC.  
There will not be an impact on small business.