

SENATE BILL 1173

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education Degree and Job Certification Without Debt Act of 2017**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the State budget
4 for certain fiscal years for the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish
5 a near completer communication campaign; requiring the Commission to develop
6 and implement a certain Web-based match program for near completers; requiring
7 the Commission to encourage certain institutions of higher education to participate
8 in a certain program; requiring certain institutions to provide the Commission with
9 certain information in a certain format; requiring the Commission to make a certain
10 determination and send certain information to near completers; requiring the
11 Governor to include a certain amount in the State budget for certain fiscal years for
12 the Commission to develop and implement a certain match program; requiring the
13 Governor to include a certain amount in the State budget for certain fiscal years for
14 the Commission to provide certain awards to certain students subject to certain
15 limitations; requiring certain grants to be provided on a first-come, first-served
16 basis; requiring the Commission and certain community colleges to make certain
17 reports to the General Assembly on or before certain dates; prohibiting certain
18 governing boards from approving increases in tuition that are more than a certain
19 amount for certain academic years; requiring the Governor to include a certain
20 amount from certain funds in the State budget in certain fiscal years to limit
21 increases in tuition to a certain amount; prohibiting certain community colleges from
22 increasing certain tuition rates more than a certain amount beginning in a certain
23 academic year; establishing the Maryland Community College Promise Program;
24 providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Commission to administer
25 the Program; requiring the Commission to make the Program available beginning in
26 a certain academic year; establishing eligibility criteria for a certain grant; requiring
27 the Commission to provide a certain grant up to a certain amount to certain
28 recipients subject to certain limitations; authorizing a certain recipient to use a
29 certain grant at certain institutions; providing for a one-time waiver from a certain
30 limitation under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to provide certain
31 funds in the State budget for certain grants; requiring the Governor to provide

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 certain funds in the State budget to be distributed according to a certain calculation
 2 and to be used for a certain purpose; requiring the Commission to adopt certain
 3 procedures; authorizing the Commission to adopt certain regulations; requiring the
 4 Governor to provide certain amounts for need-based programs in certain fiscal years
 5 subject to a certain exception; increasing the maximum amount for certain awards
 6 in certain fiscal years; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; and
 7 generally relating to higher education.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 11–209, 15–106.5, 18–107(a), and 18–304(c)(2)(i) and (ii)1.

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 16–317 and 16–514; and 16–701 through 16–707 to be under the new subtitle

16 “Subtitle 7. The Maryland Community College Promise Program”

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

20 Article – Education

21 Section 18–107(b)

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

25 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

26 **Article – Education**

27 11–209.

28 (a) In this section, “near completer” means an individual who has completed some
 29 college credits but does not have a college degree and is no longer attending an institution
 30 of higher education.

31 (b) **(1) (I)** The Commission, in collaboration with institutions of higher
 32 education, shall create a statewide communication campaign to identify near completers in
 33 the State and to encourage near completers to re-enroll in an institution of higher
 34 education to earn a degree.

35 **(II) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2023, THE**
 36 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET \$250,000 TO THE COMMISSION**
 37 **TO FUND A STATEWIDE COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN.**

1 [(c)] (2) The communication campaign shall:

2 [(1)] (I) Make use of a variety of marketing media, including billboards,
3 brochures, and electronic resources;

4 [(2)] (II) Provide a centralized contact point for near completers to get
5 information about and assistance with re-enrolling;

6 [(3)] (III) Make readily available contact information for each public
7 institution of higher education in the State; and

8 [(4)] (IV) Focus on near completers who:

9 [(i)] 1. Earned a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a scale
10 of 4.0 while in college; and

11 [(ii) 1.] 2. A. Earned at least 45 credit hours if the individual
12 attended a community college; or

13 [2.] B. Earned at least 90 credit hours if the individual
14 attended a senior higher education institution.

15 [(d)] (1) The Commission shall develop and implement a plan that would
16 provide an incentive to:

17 (i) A near completer to re-enroll and earn a degree; and

18 (ii) A college to identify and graduate near completers.

19 (2) The incentive plan shall use all available resources, including
20 institutional funds, private sector funds, and State funds.]

21 **(C) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A**
22 **CENTRALIZED WEB-BASED MATCH PROGRAM FOR NEAR COMPLETERS THAT**
23 **FACILITATES THE MATCHING OF A NEAR COMPLETER WITH ANY INSTITUTION OF**
24 **HIGHER EDUCATION AT WHICH THE NEAR COMPLETER WOULD BE ABLE TO**
25 **COMPLETE THE DEGREE.**

26 **(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL ENCOURAGE EACH INSTITUTION OF**
27 **HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MATCH PROGRAM AT NO**
28 **COST TO THE INSTITUTION.**

29 **(3) (I) AN INSTITUTION THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE MATCH**
30 **PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH INFORMATION REGARDING**

1 NEAR COMPLETERS WHO ATTENDED THE INSTITUTION, AS REQUESTED BY THE
2 COMMISSION AND IN THE FORMAT IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION.

3 (II) ON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)
4 OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

5 1. DETERMINE ANY MATCHES BETWEEN A NEAR
6 COMPLETER AND INSTITUTIONS; AND

7 2. SEND INFORMATION TO THE NEAR COMPLETER
8 REGARDING THE MATCHES, ANY INCENTIVES OFFERED FOR NEAR COMPLETERS BY
9 THE STATE OR BY THE INSTITUTIONS, AND ANY OTHER FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE
10 TO THE NEAR COMPLETER.

11 (4) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2023, THE
12 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET \$50,000 TO THE COMMISSION
13 TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE MATCH PROGRAM FOR NEAR COMPLETERS
14 DESCRIBED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

15 (D) (1) A NEAR COMPLETER IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS
16 SECTION IF THE NEAR COMPLETER:

17 (I) EARNED A MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 2.0 ON A
18 SCALE OF 4.0 WHILE IN COLLEGE; AND

19 (II) 1. EARNED AT LEAST 45 CREDIT HOURS IF THE
20 INDIVIDUAL ATTENDED A COMMUNITY COLLEGE; OR

21 2. EARNED AT LEAST 90 CREDIT HOURS IF THE
22 INDIVIDUAL ATTENDED A SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.

23 (2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET THE
24 AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE COMMISSION
25 TO PROVIDE TO A NEAR COMPLETER THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT:

26 (I) FOR A NEAR COMPLETER WHO RE-ENROLLS IN A
27 COMMUNITY COLLEGE, UP TO ONE-THIRD OF THE IN-COUNTY TUITION CHARGE; OR

28 (II) FOR A NEAR COMPLETER WHO RE-ENROLLS IN A PUBLIC
29 4-YEAR INSTITUTION, UP TO ONE-THIRD OF THE RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE
30 TUITION CHARGE.

1 **(3) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS IN**
2 **THE STATE BUDGET TO THE COMMISSION FOR NEAR COMPLETER GRANTS UNDER**
3 **PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION:**

4 **(I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, \$500,000; AND**

5 **(II) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2023,**
6 **\$750,000.**

7 **(4) A GRANT PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE USED ONLY**
8 **FOR TUITION AND MAY NOT BE USED FOR FEES OR OTHER CHARGES OR EXPENSES**
9 **RELATED TO ATTENDING AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

10 **(5) ALL NONLOAN AID RECEIVED BY THE NEAR COMPLETER SHALL BE**
11 **CREDITED TO THE NEAR COMPLETER'S TUITION BEFORE THE CALCULATION OF THE**
12 **GRANT AMOUNT PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.**

13 **(6) GRANTS SHALL BE PROVIDED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED**
14 **BASIS.**

15 (e) The Commission and institutions of higher education may implement other
16 near completer initiatives in addition to the campaign [and incentive plan] **AND MATCH**
17 **PROGRAM** required under this section.

18 (f) By December 1, [2013,] **2018, AND EVERY DECEMBER 1 THROUGH 2023,**
19 the Commission shall submit a report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
20 Government Article, to the General Assembly on the details of the statewide
21 communication campaign [and the incentive plan] **AND THE MATCH PROGRAM,** including
22 [the expected timeline for implementation] **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGN AND**
23 **MATCH PROGRAM AND A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE EXPENDITURES UNDER THE**
24 **GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.**

25 15-106.5.

26 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

27 (2) "Academic year" means the period commencing with the fall semester
28 and continuing through the immediately following summer session at a public senior higher
29 education institution.

30 (3) "Governing board" means:

31 (i) The Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland;
32 [and]

1 (ii) The Board of Regents of Morgan State University; AND

2 (III) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF
3 MARYLAND.

4 (4) "Public senior higher education institution" has the meaning stated in
5 [§ 10–101(m)(1) and (2)] § 10–101 of this article.

6 (5) (i) "Tuition" means the charges approved by the governing board of
7 a public senior higher education institution that are required of all undergraduate resident
8 students by the institution as a condition of enrollment regardless of the student's degree
9 program, field of study, or selected courses.

10 (ii) "Tuition" does not include:

11 1. Fees that are required of all undergraduate resident
12 students by the institution as a condition of enrollment regardless of the student's degree
13 program, field of study, or selected courses;

14 2. Fees dedicated to support auxiliary enterprises and other
15 self-funded activities of a public senior higher education institution; or

16 3. A fee required only for enrollment in a specific degree
17 program, field of study, or course when that fee is not required of undergraduate resident
18 students at the public senior higher education institution for enrollment in other degree
19 programs, fields of study, or courses.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the academic years beginning
21 in the fall of [2006 and 2007] **2018 AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE FALL OF 2020**
22 only, a governing board may not approve, and a public senior higher education institution
23 may not impose, an increase in the tuition charged for an academic year to a resident
24 undergraduate student at the institution **THAT IS MORE THAN 2%** over the amount
25 charged for tuition at the institution in the preceding academic year.

26 (c) (1) **FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2021, THE GOVERNOR SHALL**
27 **PROVIDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUNDS OR**
28 **HIGHER EDUCATION INVESTMENT FUNDS TO THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNING**
29 **BOARDS IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO A 3% INCREASE IN THE RESIDENT**
30 **UNDERGRADUATE TUITION OVER THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.**

31 (2) **FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021, THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO**
32 **BE APPROPRIATED TO THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNING BOARDS UNDER PARAGRAPH**
33 **(1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE INCLUDED WHEN**
34 **CALCULATING THE AMOUNT REQUIRED IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.**

1 **16-317.**

2 **BEGINNING IN THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR, A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN**
3 **THE STATE MAY NOT INCREASE THE IN-COUNTY TUITION RATE OVER THE PRIOR**
4 **YEAR BY MORE THAN THE INCREASE IN THE 3-YEAR ROLLING AVERAGE OF THE**
5 **STATE'S MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME.**

6 **16-514.**

7 **BEGINNING IN THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR, BALTIMORE CITY**
8 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAY NOT INCREASE THE TUITION RATE OVER THE PRIOR**
9 **YEAR BY MORE THAN THE INCREASE IN THE 3-YEAR ROLLING AVERAGE OF THE**
10 **STATE'S MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME.**

11 **SUBTITLE 7. THE MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM.**

12 **16-701.**

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

15 **(B) "CERTIFICATE" INCLUDES INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATES,**
16 **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, AND REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS FOR**
17 **WHICH COURSES ARE PROVIDED BY A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.**

18 **(C) "COMMUNITY COLLEGE" INCLUDES BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY**
19 **COLLEGE.**

20 **(D) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE**
21 **PROGRAM.**

22 **(E) "SUPPORT SERVICES" MEANS SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED TO A**
23 **STUDENT, INCLUDING ACADEMIC OR OTHER COUNSELING, MENTORING, TUTORING,**
24 **DAY CARE COSTS, TRANSPORTATION COSTS, OR ANY OTHER INITIATIVE THAT IS**
25 **ADOPTED BY A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PROMOTE THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS OF THE**
26 **STUDENT.**

27 **16-702.**

28 **(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM.**

1 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR**
2 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS TO EARN AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR A**
3 **CERTIFICATE DEBT FREE.**

4 **(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

5 **(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE THE PROGRAM AVAILABLE BEGINNING**
6 **IN THE 2018–2019 ACADEMIC YEAR.**

7 **16–703.**

8 **(A) (1) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM, A**
9 **RECIPIENT SHALL HAVE A FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME OF NO MORE THAN**
10 **\$125,000 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR \$175,000 FOR A MARRIED COUPLE FILING A JOINT**
11 **RETURN.**

12 **(2) IF THE INDIVIDUAL OR MARRIED COUPLE FILING A JOINT RETURN**
13 **HAS MORE THAN TWO DEPENDENTS, THE INCOME LIMITS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**
14 **THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE INCREASED BY \$25,000 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL**
15 **DEPENDENT.**

16 **(3) A RECIPIENT SHALL MEET THE INCOME LIMITATIONS UNDER THIS**
17 **SUBSECTION FOR EACH ACADEMIC YEAR IN WHICH THE RECIPIENT PARTICIPATES**
18 **IN THE PROGRAM.**

19 **(B) EACH RECIPIENT OF A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL:**

20 **(1) (I) BE ELIGIBLE FOR IN-COUNTY STATUS FOR TUITION**
21 **PURPOSES AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE IF THE RECIPIENT WILL BE ATTENDING A**
22 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE OTHER THAN BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE; OR**

23 **(II) BE ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE STATUS FOR TUITION**
24 **PURPOSES AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE IF THE RECIPIENT WILL BE ATTENDING**
25 **BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE;**

26 **(2) (I) BE CONTINUOUSLY ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN**
27 **A 2-YEAR ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM; OR**

28 **(II) BE CONTINUOUSLY ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM THAT LEADS**
29 **TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE;**

30 **(3) HAVE GRADUATED FROM A MARYLAND PUBLIC SECONDARY**
31 **SCHOOL OR RECEIVED A GED NO MORE THAN 12 MONTHS BEFORE FIRST RECEIVING**

1 A GRANT UNDER THIS PROGRAM IF A RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED IN A 2-YEAR
2 ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM; AND

3 (4) ANNUALLY SUBMIT A COMPLETED FREE APPLICATION FOR
4 FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) IN A TIMELY MANNER.

5 16-704.

6 (A) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
7 COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE A GRANT TO EACH ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT IN AN
8 AMOUNT NO MORE THAN:

9 (I) FOR THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR, \$1,000;

10 (II) FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR, \$2,000;

11 (III) FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR, \$3,000; AND

12 (IV) FOR THE 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR AND FOR EACH
13 ACADEMIC YEAR THEREAFTER, 100% OF TUITION.

14 (2) A GRANT MADE UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY NOT EXCEED THE
15 COST OF:

16 (I) IN-COUNTY TUITION CHARGES AT THE COMMUNITY
17 COLLEGE FOR WHICH A RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR IN-COUNTY TUITION STATUS
18 UNDER THIS ARTICLE IF THE RECIPIENT IS NOT ATTENDING BALTIMORE CITY
19 COMMUNITY COLLEGE; OR

20 (II) IN-STATE TUITION CHARGES AT BALTIMORE CITY
21 COMMUNITY COLLEGE IF THE RECIPIENT IS ATTENDING BALTIMORE CITY
22 COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

23 (B) ALL NONLOAN AID RECEIVED BY THE RECIPIENT SHALL BE CREDITED
24 TO THE RECIPIENT'S TUITION BEFORE THE CALCULATION OF THE GRANT AMOUNT
25 PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM.

26 (C) A RECIPIENT MAY USE A GRANT PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AT
27 ANY PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE.

28 (D) FOR A RECIPIENT ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM THAT LEADS TO THE
29 ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE, A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM IS LIMITED TO ONE
30 CERTIFICATE.

1 **(E) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, FOR A**
2 **RECIPIENT WHO IS CONTINUOUSLY ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN A**
3 **2-YEAR ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM, THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT**
4 **UNDER THE PROGRAM FOR THE LESSER OF:**

5 **(1) 2 ACADEMIC YEARS; OR**

6 **(2) THE ACCUMULATION OF 60 CREDITS.**

7 **(F) (1) A ONE-TIME WAIVER TO THE LIMITATION UNDER SUBSECTION (E)**
8 **OF THIS SECTION IS AVAILABLE IF THE RECIPIENT PROVIDES SATISFACTORY**
9 **EVIDENCE OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PREVENTED THE RECIPIENT**
10 **FROM CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT, INCLUDING:**

11 **(I) ENROLLING IN REMEDIAL COURSES; AND**

12 **(II) A PERSONAL OR FAMILY MEDICAL CONDITION.**

13 **(2) A RECIPIENT WHO RECEIVES A WAIVER IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT**
14 **UNDER THE PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE SEMESTER OF ENROLLMENT.**

15 **(G) THE GOVERNOR SHALL ANNUALLY PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN THE**
16 **STATE BUDGET TO ENSURE THAT EACH ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT RECEIVES THE GRANT**
17 **AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

18 **16-705.**

19 **BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**
20 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET \$250,000 TO BE**
21 **DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THE STATE**
22 **PROPORTIONAL TO THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS INCLUDED**
23 **IN THE CALCULATION OF STATE AID UNDER THIS TITLE TO BE USED TO FUND**
24 **SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED A GRANT UNDER THE**
25 **PROGRAM.**

26 **16-706.**

27 **(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES TO ADMINISTER THE**
28 **PROGRAM.**

29 **(B) THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY**
30 **OUT THIS SUBTITLE.**

1 16-707.

2 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2018, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER,
3 THE COMMISSION AND EACH PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL SUBMIT A
4 REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,
5 TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM
6 INCLUDING:

7 (1) THE NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS ENROLLED IN 2-YEAR ASSOCIATE'S
8 DEGREE PROGRAMS AND THE NUMBER ENROLLED IN CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS;

9 (2) THE AVERAGE AWARD AMOUNT;

10 (3) THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM ON TOTAL COLLEGE
11 PARTICIPATION RATES IN THE STATE;

12 (4) THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM ON ENROLLMENT AT
13 PUBLIC 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE;

14 (5) SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED TO RECIPIENTS; AND

15 (6) THE SUCCESSFUL PERSISTENCE AND GRADUATION RATES OF
16 RECIPIENTS COMPARED TO OTHER STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE COMMUNITY
17 COLLEGE.

18 18-107.

19 (a) (1) Each year, money for each student financial assistance program
20 administered by the Office shall be included in the State budget.

21 (2) (I) IN THIS PARAGRAPH, "NEED-BASED PROGRAMS" MEANS
22 THE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS UNDER SUBTITLES 3, 14, AND 26 OF THIS TITLE.

23 (II) [Each year, the] SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS
24 PARAGRAPH, THE Governor shall include in the State budget [at least 80 percent of the
25 funds appropriated in the prior fiscal year for need-based programs as provided in §§
26 18-301, 18-706(f), 18-1401, 18-1501, and 18-2601 of this title] THE FOLLOWING
27 AMOUNT FOR NEED-BASED PROGRAMS:

28 1. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, \$90,000,000;

29 2. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020, \$100,000,000;

- 1 **3. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, \$110,000,000;**
 2 **4. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, \$120,000,000; AND**
 3 **5. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**
 4 **THEREAFTER, \$130,000,000.**

5 **(III) IF ALL STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR A NEED-BASED PROGRAM**
 6 **AWARD HAVE RECEIVED AN AWARD IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, THE AMOUNT**
 7 **REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH FOR THE FOLLOWING**
 8 **FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT PROVIDED IN THE CURRENT FISCAL**
 9 **YEAR.**

10 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this title, money appropriated under this title
 11 that is not used by the end of the fiscal year shall be deposited in the Need-based Student
 12 Financial Assistance Fund.

13 18-304.

14 (c) (2) (i) The amount of an Educational Assistance Grant made to a
 15 student in the student's first 2 academic years of enrollment may not be less than \$400 or
 16 more than:

- 17 **1. IN FISCAL YEAR 2018, \$3,000;**
 18 **2. IN FISCAL YEAR 2019, \$3,200;**
 19 **3. IN FISCAL YEAR 2020, \$3,400;**
 20 **4. IN FISCAL YEAR 2021, \$3,600;**
 21 **5. IN FISCAL YEAR 2022, \$3,800; AND**
 22 **6. IN FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**
 23 **THEREAFTER, \$4,000.**

24 (ii) Beginning in the third academic year of enrollment and for each
 25 academic year thereafter:

- 26 1. If the student successfully completed at least 30 credits in
 27 the prior academic year, the amount of an Educational Assistance Grant made to a student
 28 may not be less than \$400 or more than **[\$3,000] THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT ESTABLISHED**
 29 **IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;** or

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2017.