

SENATE BILL 597

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By: **Senators King, Ferguson, Guzzone, Mathias, McFadden, Middleton, Pinsky,
Robinson, Young, and Zucker**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2018

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Colleges – Supplemental Services and Supports for Students With**
3 **Disabilities Grant Program**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to consult with
5 the Maryland Association of Community Colleges when establishing a certain review
6 process and adopting certain guidelines or regulations for a grant program for
7 supplemental services and supports for students with disabilities; requiring,
8 beginning in a certain fiscal year, that the Governor include in the annual budget
9 bill at least a certain appropriation to the Maryland Higher Education Commission
10 to be used to award grants for a certain program; and generally relating to the grant
11 program for supplemental services and supports for students with disabilities in
12 community colleges.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Education
15 Section 16–319
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 16–319.

22 (a) The Commission shall establish and administer a grant program for
23 supplemental services and supports for students with disabilities in community colleges.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The Commission, in cooperation with the Department of Disabilities AND IN
2 CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES,
3 shall:

4 (1) Establish a competitive review process for the awarding of grants to
5 community colleges; and

6 (2) Adopt any other guidelines or regulations necessary for the
7 administration of this section.

8 (C) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
9 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL A GENERAL FUND
10 APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$2,500,000 TO THE COMMISSION TO BE USED TO
11 AWARD GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2018.