

Chapter 457

(Senate Bill 515)

AN ACT concerning

Community Colleges – Workforce Readiness Grant Program – Established

FOR the purpose of establishing the Workforce Readiness Grant Program; specifying the purpose of the Program; authorizing each community college campus to accept certain donations that further the purpose of the Program; ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Governor to appropriate a certain amount of supplemental funding in certain fiscal years for certain community colleges; requiring a certain appropriation to be used to further the purpose of the Program; authorizing the Governor to make a certain appropriation; requiring that certain funding be in addition to certain State funding provided for certain community colleges; requiring the Governor, in certain fiscal years, to identify in the annual budget how certain revenue is being used to supplement certain spending for certain community colleges; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report in a certain manner to the Governor and the General Assembly; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Workforce Readiness Grant Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 16–321

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

16–321.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “COMMUNITY COLLEGE” INCLUDES BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

(3) “ELIGIBLE DONOR” MEANS A PERSON OTHER THAN A LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL, OR FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.

(4) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE WORKFORCE READINESS GRANT PROGRAM.

(B) THERE IS A WORKFORCE READINESS GRANT PROGRAM.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANTS TO A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE’S TECHNOLOGY.

(D) EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS MAY ACCEPT DONATIONS FROM ELIGIBLE DONORS THAT FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM.

(E) (1) (I) IN FISCAL YEAR 2022, THE GOVERNOR ~~SHALL~~ MAY INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE LESSER OF \$250,000 FOR EACH CAMPUS OF EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR THE AMOUNT DONATED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION IN FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021.

(II) IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, THE GOVERNOR ~~SHALL~~ MAY INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING EQUAL TO THE LESSER OF \$250,000 FOR EACH CAMPUS OF EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR THE AMOUNT DONATED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION IN FISCAL YEARS 2022 AND 2023.

(2) FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING THE GOVERNOR’S APPROPRIATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, AN AMOUNT DONATED BY AN ELIGIBLE DONOR MAY BE COUNTED ONLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH IT WAS PLEDGED.

(3) THE GOVERNOR’S APPROPRIATION SHALL BE USED TO FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM.

(4) THE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING ~~REQUIRED~~ AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ~~SHALL BE~~ IS IN ADDITION TO THE STATE FUNDING PROVIDED TO EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDER § 16-305 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE.

(5) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022 AND 2024, THE GOVERNOR SHALL IDENTIFY IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET HOW THE REVENUE ~~REQUIRED~~ AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS BEING USED TO SUPPLEMENT AND NOT SUPPLANT THE APPROPRIATION FOR EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

(F) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.

(G) (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(2) THE REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL SUMMARIZE FOR EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS RAISED FOR THE PROGRAM AND HOW THOSE FUNDS WERE SPENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2019.