

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 528

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “of” insert “transferring from the State Scholarship Administration to the Maryland Higher Education Commission the authority to administer the Health Manpower Shortage Incentive Grant Program; requiring the Comptroller to distribute unspent portions of a certain fund to the Board of Physician Quality Assurance Fund; repealing a certain provision of the Manpower Shortage Incentive Grant Program;”; strike beginning with “to” in line 4 down through “Fund” in line 5 and substitute “in a specified manner”; and in line 10, strike “deposit of moneys into the Board of Physician Quality Assurance Fund” and substitute “distribution by the Comptroller of fees received from the Board of Physician Quality Assurance”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 11, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 18-803(b), (e), and (g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, after line 18, insert:

“Article - Education

18-803.

(b) (1) There is a Health Manpower Shortage Incentive Grant Program for eligible

(Over)

institutions.

(2) The [State Scholarship Administration] COMMISSION shall administer the Grant Program as provided in this section.

(3) In consultation with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the [Administration] COMMISSION shall adopt regulations to implement the Grant Program.

(e) (1) If the total amount of the grant to be issued under subsection (d) of this section is more than the amount appropriated in the annual State Budget, including the amount that is collected under the Physician Quality Assurance Fund under § 14-207(c)(2)(ii) of the Health Occupations Article and transferred to this program, the amount of an eligible institution's grant for that period shall be equal to the product of the amount required to pay grants under subsection (d) multiplied by the ratio of the total amount appropriated to the eligible institution.

(2) Any unspent portions of the money that is transferred to the [Administration] COMMISSION for use under this section by the Comptroller [may not be transferred to or revert to the General Fund of the State, but shall remain in the Fund maintained by the Administration to administer these programs to be used for the purposes specified in this section] SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN QUALITY ASSURANCE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 14-207 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE FOR USE BY THE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN QUALITY ASSURANCE.

(g) (1) In accordance with § 1-204 of the Health Occupations Article, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall certify annually to the Maryland Higher Education Commission those health occupations in short supply.

(2) In any year in which a health occupation is determined by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to be no longer in short supply, the [Administration] COMMISSION shall discontinue issuing new grants under this section for that health occupation [, provided that the existing grants shall continue for the students who are enrolled in prior to and who subsequently graduate from the approved education program after the determination is made by the Secretary].”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, in line 24, strike the bracket; in line 25, after “(i)” insert an opening bracket; in line 29, after “One-half” insert “] A PERCENTAGE OF THE FEES RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD”; in line 30, after “Article” insert “AS FOLLOWS”:

YEAR 1999; AND

1. FOUR PERCENT OF THE FEES RECEIVED DURING FISCAL

2. TWO PERCENT OF THE FEES RECEIVED DURING FISCAL

YEAR 2000";

and in the same line, strike "and".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, in line 1, strike "2. One-half" and substitute "(II) \$350,000"; in line 3, after "medical" insert "STUDENTS AND"; and in line 7, strike the bracket.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, in line 24, strike "October" and substitute "July".