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**By: Senators Madden and Hogan**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Computer Information Science and Engineering Graduates - Loan Forgiveness Study**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Commission to study a program of loan assistance  
4 repayment for graduates of Maryland colleges and universities in the areas of  
5 computer information science and engineering who agree to work for Maryland  
6 companies; providing for the membership of the Commission; specifying that the  
7 Department of Higher Education will provide staff services for the Commission;  
8 requiring the Commission to submit a certain report by a certain date; and generally  
9 relating to a Commission to study a program of loan assistance repayment for  
10 graduates of Maryland colleges and universities in the areas of computer  
11 information science and engineering who agree to work for a Maryland company.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) There is a Commission to study a program to assist in the repayment of  
15 student loans owed by graduates of Maryland colleges and universities with degrees in the  
16 areas of computer information science and engineering who agree to work for a Maryland  
17 company.

18 (b) Funds provided by the State for the program shall be matched by the  
19 employing company.

20 (c) The Commission consists of eight members. Of the members:

21 (1) One shall be a member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the  
22 President of the Senate;

23 (2) One shall be a member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the  
24 Speaker of the House;

25 (3) One shall be the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or  
26 the Secretary's designee;

27 (4) One shall be the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's  
28 designee;

29 (5) Two shall be the presidents of the two public institutions of higher  
30 education in the State that graduate the most computer information science and  
31 engineering students, or the Presidents' designees;

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1                   (6) One shall be a representative of the business community, appointed by  
2 the Governor; and

3                   (7) One shall be a representative of a Maryland technology council,  
4 appointed by the Governor.

5                   (d) The Department of Higher Education shall provide staff services for the  
6 Commission.

7                   (e) By December 15, 1997, the Commission shall submit a report, which shall  
8 include a legislative proposal for a pilot program, to the Governor and, subject to §  
9 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly of Maryland.

10                  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 July 1, 1997.