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By: **Chairman, Ways and Means Committee (Departmental - Higher Education Commission)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Educational Excellence Award Program**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing a certain percentage of funds appropriated for the  
4 Educational Excellence Award Program to be carried forward to the subsequent  
5 fiscal year for awarding; and generally relating to the Educational Excellence  
6 Award Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Education  
9 Section 18-309  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Education**

15 18-309.

16 (A) For any fiscal year, if the funds appropriated for the Educational  
17 Excellence Award Program are insufficient to satisfy fully all awards as calculated  
18 under § 18-304 of this subtitle, the amount paid to each recipient of an Educational  
19 Excellence Award shall be a percentage of that award, as determined in accordance  
20 with regulations adopted by the Commission that establish a schedule of reductions  
21 for this purpose.

22 (B) EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD GRANTS CALCULATED UNDER §  
23 18-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT ARE NOT USED BY THE RECIPIENTS SHALL BE  
24 RETAINED BY THE COMMISSION FOR USE IN THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE  
25 AWARD PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. THE RETAINED FUNDS SHALL NOT  
26 EXCEED 5% OF THE TOTAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE AWARD PROGRAM IN THE  
27 FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE UNEXPENDED GRANTS WERE APPROPRIATED.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
2 effect October 1, 1998.