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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Community Colleges - Innovative Partnerships for**
3 **Technology Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing an Innovative Partnerships for Technology Program
5 for State community colleges; defining certain terms; setting forth how a certain
6 match will be determined and how certain payments will be made; requiring
7 that the payments made to certain institutions not exceed a certain amount;
8 establishing certain eligibility criteria; providing for the application of certain
9 funds; prohibiting certain funds from being included in the computation of a
10 certain type of aid; providing for the administration of the Program; and
11 generally relating to an Innovative Partnerships for Technology Program for
12 State community colleges.

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Education
15 Section 16-317
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

18 Preamble

19 WHEREAS, Public-private partnerships are becoming increasingly important
20 to the success of Maryland's community colleges; and

21 WHEREAS, A good example of such a partnership is the Advanced Technology
22 Center Initiative, which has led to regional cooperative training efforts in the area of
23 technology amongst community colleges, local businesses, and county governments;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, While public-private partnerships have grown dramatically over
2 the last decade, community colleges continue to face fiscal constraints in providing
3 the most up-to-date technology required by today's businesses and students; and

4 WHEREAS, The creation of an Innovative Partnerships for Technology Program
5 would provide a means of acquiring technology through a public-private effort,
6 whereby State funds can be used to leverage private and local support for community
7 colleges; now, therefore,

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

10 **Article - Education**

11 16-317.

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

14 (2) "BASE YEAR" MEANS JULY 1, 1997 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1998.

15 (3) "CONTRIBUTION" MEANS MONETARY AND EQUIPMENT DONATIONS
16 THAT HAVE BEEN ASSESSED A MONETARY VALUE AMOUNT FOR THE PURPOSES OF
17 DETERMINING THE STATE PAYMENT.

18 (4) (I) "ELIGIBLE DONOR" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION,
19 PARTNERSHIP, OR OTHER FORM OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATION, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
20 FOUNDATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

21 (II) "ELIGIBLE DONOR" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE STATE, THE
22 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OR ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.

23 (5) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" REFERS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY
24 COLLEGE CAMPUSES:

25 (I) ALLEGANY;

26 (II) ANNE ARUNDEL;

27 (III) BALTIMORE CITY;

28 (IV) CARROLL;

29 (V) CATONSVILLE;

30 (VI) CECIL;

31 (VII) CHARLES;

32 (VIII) CHESAPEAKE;

- 1 (IX) DUNDALK;
- 2 (X) ESSEX;
- 3 (XI) FREDERICK;
- 4 (XII) GARRETT;
- 5 (XIII) GERMANTOWN;
- 6 (XIV) HAGERSTOWN;
- 7 (XV) HARFORD;
- 8 (XVI) HOWARD;
- 9 (XVII) PRINCE GEORGE'S;
- 10 (XVIII) ROCKVILLE;
- 11 (XIX) TAKOMA PARK; AND
- 12 (XX) WOR-WIC.

13 (6) "ELIGIBLE PROGRAM" MEANS ANY CONTRIBUTION FOR
14 TECHNOLOGY WHICH DOES NOT CONTAIN UNREASONABLE RESTRICTIONS AS TO
15 USE AS FURTHER DEFINED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

16 (7) (I) "TECHNOLOGY" MEANS THE HARDWARE, SOFTWARE,
17 COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ASSOCIATED TRAINING AND
18 CONTRACTED SERVICES THAT ENABLE LOCAL OR GLOBAL PRESENTATION,
19 EXCHANGE, AND TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION IN DIGITAL OR ANALOG FORM
20 FOR TEACHING, LEARNING, STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES, AND ADMINISTRATION.

21 (II) "TECHNOLOGY" MAY INCLUDE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

22 (III) "TECHNOLOGY" DOES NOT INCLUDE STAFF.

23 (B) EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL RECEIVE FROM THE STATE, IN THE
24 MANNER AND SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SECTION, WITH RESPECT TO
25 THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY ELIGIBLE DONORS AS VOLUNTARY DONATIONS AT
26 ANY TIME DURING FISCAL YEARS 1999, 2000, AND 2001 TO THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION
27 FOR ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FIRST \$500,000 OR ANY
28 PORTION THEREOF FROM CONTRIBUTIONS BY ELIGIBLE DONORS.

29 (C) PAYMENTS SHALL BE MADE BY THE STATE:

30 (1) ONLY WITH RESPECT TO CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH ARE PAID BY THE
31 ELIGIBLE DONORS TO THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION BEFORE JULY 1, 2001; AND

1 (2) IN THE FISCAL YEAR FOLLOWING THE FISCAL YEAR DURING WHICH
2 THE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE.

3 (D) CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE STATE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT
4 EXCEED \$500,000 TO EACH ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

5 (E) (1) TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE PAYMENTS, EACH
6 CONTRIBUTION SHALL BE COMPARED TO THE AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED DURING THE
7 BASE YEAR. THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA SHALL BE THE BASIS FOR COMPARISON:

8 (I) EACH CONTRIBUTION MUST BE FROM A NEW DONOR; OR

9 (II) EACH CONTRIBUTION MUST REPRESENT AN INCREASE OVER
10 THE AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED BY THE DONOR DURING THE BASE YEAR.

11 (2) A CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED DURING THE BASE YEAR THAT FULFILLS
12 A PLEDGE MADE PRIOR TO THE BASE YEAR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE
13 DETERMINATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION MADE DURING THE BASE YEAR.

14 (3) EACH CONTRIBUTION MUST BE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED FOR
15 TECHNOLOGY.

16 (F) CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE STATE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE
17 APPLIED TO ANY ELIGIBLE TECHNOLOGY EXPENSE AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION TO
18 WHICH THE PAYMENT IS MADE.

19 (G) CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE STATE TO ANY ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION
20 UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY REDUCE THE STATE
21 GENERAL FUND OR CAPITAL FUND SUPPORT FOR THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

22 (H) THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION SHALL:

23 (1) ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF
24 THIS SECTION; AND

25 (2) SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF
26 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ANNUAL
27 REPORT SUMMARIZING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS PLEDGED BY ELIGIBLE
28 DONORS AND TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS RAISED.

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