

Department of Legislative Services
 Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 621 (Delegate Kopp. *et al.*)

Appropriations

Higher Education - Community Colleges - Innovative Partnerships for Technology Program

This bill establishes an Innovative Partnerships for Technology Program to provide a maximum \$200,000 matching grant to each eligible community college campus over a two-year period (fiscal 1999 through fiscal 2000). If an eligible community college campus qualifies for the maximum State contribution of \$200,000 in fiscal 1999 through fiscal 2000, the campus could receive an additional \$200,000 State matching grant over the next two-year period (fiscal 2001 through fiscal 2002). State technology matching grants may not directly or indirectly reduce the State general fund or capital fund support at these eligible institutions. The Maryland Higher Education Commission is required to develop regulations administering the program and to submit an annual report to the General Assembly that summarizes the total amount of funds pledged by eligible donors and total amount of funds raised.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could increase by \$8.8 million over a four-year period (FY 2001 through 2004), including \$400,000 for Baltimore City Community College.

Local Effect: State aid to local community colleges could increase by \$8.4 million in FY 2001 through 2004.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Because 22 local community college campuses are eligible to receive this matching grant, State expenditures could increase by \$8.8 million over a four-year period (fiscal 2001 through 2004). As a condition to receiving a State match, the contribution must be from a new donor or each contribution must represent an increase over the amount contributed by the donor during the base year (fiscal 1998). Since information on the current amount of private technology contributions to local community colleges is not readily available, an accurate forecast of potential State expenditures cannot be made at this time. However, it is assumed that local community colleges would actively seek private donations in order to receive State matching funds.

Local Effect: State aid to local community colleges could increase by \$8.4 million over a four-year period beginning in fiscal 2001. (Baltimore City Community College is a State institution.)

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