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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Colleges - English for Speakers of Other Languages Programs -**
3 **Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of removing the limitation on the total funding for annual grants for
5 the English for Speakers of Other Languages programs ("ESOL") at the
6 community colleges in the State, including Baltimore City Community College;
7 requiring the Governor to include certain funds in the annual budget to
8 reimburse community colleges, including Baltimore City Community College,
9 for any deficiency in funds for grants for ESOL programs at the community
10 colleges; and generally relating to ESOL programs in the State.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Education
13 Section 16-305(e) and 16-508
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Education**

19 16-305.

20 (e) (1) (i) Beginning in Fiscal Year 1996, a grant in the amount provided
21 in paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be distributed to each board in order to
22 provide instruction and services to students enrolled in an English for Speakers of
23 Other Languages ("ESOL") program.

24 (ii) To qualify for a grant under this subsection, each participant in
25 the program shall be a student:

26 1. Born outside of the United States or whose native
27 language is not English;

1 (iii) Who is an American Indian or Alaskan native and comes from
2 an environment where a language other than English has had a significant impact on
3 the student's level of English language proficiency.

4 (b) [(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, the] THE
5 amount of the grant shall be \$800 times the number of qualified full-time equivalent
6 students who are enrolled in a Baltimore City Community College ESOL program, as
7 certified by the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

8 [(2) The total amount of the grant under this subsection may not exceed
9 \$200,000 for any fiscal year.]

10 (c) Baltimore City Community College may not transfer State funds received
11 under this subsection to any other program or category.

12 (D) FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE STATE APPROPRIATION IS
13 INSUFFICIENT TO FULLY FUND ALL GRANTS ELIGIBLE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE
14 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL FOR THE FOLLOWING FISCAL
15 YEAR A DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION TO FUND ALL UNFUNDED GRANTS.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 1999.