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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Working Parents Opportunity Act**

3 FOR the purpose of creating the Working Parents Opportunity Program; providing  
4 that the Program be administered by the Maryland Higher Education  
5 Commission; providing for the purposes of the Program; authorizing governing  
6 bodies that include local community colleges to create job training and education  
7 programs to increase economic well-being of working parents in low-income  
8 families; providing for the funding of the Program and the administration of the  
9 moneys allocated for the Program; providing certain immunity to the State;  
10 requiring the governing bodies to set certain criteria for participation in those  
11 programs; requiring each participating parent to undergo continuing career and  
12 skill assessments that help in developing a plan for educating and training the  
13 parent; creating and funding employment advancement accounts to cover  
14 certain expenses of participating parents and requiring the governing bodies to  
15 administer those accounts; requiring that each governing body, in cooperation  
16 with the Commission, develop an outreach program to ensure and increase  
17 participation in the Program; requiring the Commission and the Department of  
18 Human Resources to make certain annual reports to the Governor and to the  
19 General Assembly; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations to implement  
20 this Act; requiring the Governor to fund the elements of the Program at certain  
21 levels over a certain period; limiting the extent to which the funding may be  
22 used for administrative costs; defining certain terms; and generally relating to  
23 the creation, funding, and administration of the Working Parents Opportunity  
24 Act.

25 BY adding to

26 Article - Education

27 Section 18-2401 through 18-2410 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 24.

28 Working Parents Opportunity Program"

29 Annotated Code of Maryland

30 (1999 Replacement Volume)

1 Preamble

2 WHEREAS, Fifteen percent of Maryland's children live in poverty and even  
3 more live in near poverty; and

4 WHEREAS, Nationally almost two-thirds of children in poverty have working  
5 parents; and

6 WHEREAS, During the past 20 years, low-income families have seen an erosion  
7 in their standard of living, while at the same time the wealthiest families have  
8 experienced a dramatic increase in real income and wealth; and

9 WHEREAS, A large majority of parents who have left welfare in recent years  
10 are in low-paying jobs, without health benefits or opportunities for advancement; and

11 WHEREAS, Successful education and job training for working parents can  
12 result in long-term improvements in the economic well-being of low-income families;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The increased educational achievements of parents serve to also  
15 encourage their children to perform better in school, thereby helping to break the  
16 cycle of poverty; and

17 WHEREAS, Reducing childhood poverty would help to improve the well-being  
18 of children in Maryland in numerous other ways; and

19 WHEREAS, Low-income working parents in Maryland currently face  
20 significant barriers to participation in education and training programs; now,  
21 therefore,

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

24 **Article - Education**

25 **SUBTITLE 24. WORKING PARENTS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM.**

26 18-2401.

27 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
28 INDICATED.

29 (B) "EDUCATION" INCLUDES:

30 (1) BASIC AND REMEDIAL EDUCATION;

31 (2) EDUCATION THAT LEADS TO PROFICIENCY IN THE USE OF THE  
32 ENGLISH LANGUAGE;

1 (3) EDUCATION THAT LEADS TO A PROFICIENCY AND LEVEL OF  
2 KNOWLEDGE CONSIDERED TO BE AT A HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL;

3 (4) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION;

4 (5) CAREER COUNSELING; AND

5 (6) ASSESSMENT AND TESTING.

6 (C) "ELIGIBLE PARENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

7 (1) (I) IS THE CUSTODIAL PARENT, NONCUSTODIAL PARENT, OR  
8 LEGAL GUARDIAN OF ONE OR MORE DEPENDENT CHILDREN; AND

9 (II) IS RESPONSIBLE IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR THE FINANCIAL  
10 SUPPORT OF THE DEPENDENT CHILDREN;

11 (2) IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

12 (3) LIVES IN A HOUSEHOLD WITH AN INCOME THAT IS NOT MORE THAN  
13 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL;

14 (4) WORKS AT LEAST 20 HOURS PER WEEK IN:

15 (I) PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT;

16 (II) FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM WORK ACTIVITY; OR

17 (III) STATE-SPONSORED OR RELATED WORK ACTIVITY;

18 (5) HAS WORKED IN ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED IN ITEM (4) OF THIS  
19 SUBSECTION FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS;

20 (6) HAS COMPLETED A CAREER AND SKILL ASSESSMENT OR  
21 ASSESSMENT UPDATE REQUIRED UNDER § 18-2404 OF THIS SUBTITLE WITHIN THE  
22 LAST 12 MONTHS; AND

23 (7) AGREES TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING  
24 PROGRAM UNDER § 18-2404 OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE  
25 RESULTS OF THE CAREER AND SKILL ASSESSMENT OR ASSESSMENT UPDATE.

26 (D) "GOVERNING BODY" MEANS EACH BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
27 TRUSTEES, WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH THE WORKFORCE INITIATIVE BOARD  
28 OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTY IN WHICH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS LOCATED.

29 (E) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE WORKING PARENTS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM  
30 CREATED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

31 (F) "TRAINING" MEANS JOB SKILLS TRAINING IN AN APPROVED  
32 CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OR ON-THE-JOB PROGRAM THAT LEADS TO AN  
33 IMPROVEMENT IN AN ELIGIBLE PARENT'S EARNING POTENTIAL.

1 18-2402.

2 (A) THERE IS A WORKING PARENTS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM.

3 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

4 (1) MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO GOVERNING BODIES AND  
5 PARTNERSHIPS OF EMPLOYERS AND PROVIDERS OF EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING  
6 PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP INNOVATIVE AND COORDINATED PILOT PROGRAMS TO  
7 IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF LOW-INCOME PARENTS AND THEIR  
8 CHILDREN;

9 (2) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT  
10 ACCOUNTS THAT ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE PARENTS TO PAY FOR  
11 EXPENSES WHILE ENROLLED IN AN EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING PROGRAM  
12 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

13 (3) DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN AN OUTREACH CAMPAIGN, TO BE  
14 CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES, TO ENSURE THAT ALL ELIGIBLE PARENTS  
15 ARE MADE AWARE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS CONDUCTED BY  
16 GOVERNING BODIES.

17 (C) (1) THE MONEYS OF THE PROGRAM CONSIST OF:

18 (I) BEGINNING WITH THE STATE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002,  
19 MONEY INCLUDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION;

20 (II) BEQUESTS, ENDOWMENTS, OR FUNDS FROM ANY OTHER  
21 AVAILABLE PRIVATE SOURCE;

22 (III) INTEREST AND INCOME EARNED FROM THE INVESTMENTS OF  
23 THE PROGRAM; AND

24 (IV) FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL FUNDS, OR FUNDS FROM ANY  
25 OTHER AVAILABLE PUBLIC SOURCE.

26 (2) IN DESIGNATING MONEYS FOR THE PROGRAM, THE GOVERNOR  
27 SHALL DESIGNATE SEPARATELY MONEYS TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR:

28 (I) PILOT PROJECTS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES, AS  
29 PROVIDED UNDER § 18-2403 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

30 (II) EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNTS CREATED UNDER §  
31 18-2405 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

32 (III) OUTREACH PROGRAMS REQUIRED UNDER § 18-2406 OF THIS  
33 SUBTITLE; AND

34 (IV) AN ANNUAL RESEARCH AND EVALUATION REPORT TO BE MADE  
35 TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER § 18-2407 OF THIS  
36 SUBTITLE.

1 (3) THE COMMISSION AND THE GOVERNING BODIES MAY NOT SPEND  
2 MORE THAN 10% OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM ON THE  
3 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM.

4 (D) (1) MONEY REMAINING IN THE PROGRAM AT THE END OF THE FISCAL  
5 YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE PROGRAM AND MAY NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL  
6 FUND OF THE STATE.

7 (2) (I) MONEY HELD BY A GOVERNING BODY AT THE END OF THE  
8 FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN WITH THE GOVERNING BODY AND MAY NOT REVERT TO  
9 THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

10 (II) EACH GOVERNING BODY SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION  
11 AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR ANY MONEY REMAINING WITH THE GOVERNING  
12 BODY AND ITS INTENDED USE.

13 (E) MONEYS OF THE PROGRAM MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED MONEYS OF THE  
14 STATE AND MAY NOT BE DEPOSITED IN THE TREASURY.

15 (F) (1) (I) THE DEBTS, CONTRACTS, AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PROGRAM  
16 OR OF THE GOVERNING BODIES ARE NOT THE CONTRACTS, DEBTS, OR OBLIGATIONS  
17 OF THE STATE.

18 (II) NEITHER THE FAITH AND CREDIT NOR TAXING POWER OF THE  
19 STATE IS PLEDGED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OR CONTINGENTLY, MORALLY OR  
20 OTHERWISE, TO THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS, CONTRACTS, AND OBLIGATIONS OF  
21 THE PROGRAM OR OF THE GOVERNING BODIES.

22 (2) THE COMMISSION AND THE GOVERNING BODIES CANNOT DIRECTLY  
23 OR INDIRECTLY OBLIGATE, MORALLY OR OTHERWISE, THE STATE TO:

24 (I) LEVY OR PLEDGE ANY FORM OF TAXATION WHATSOEVER FOR  
25 THE DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PROGRAM OR OF THE GOVERNING BODIES; OR

26 (II) MAKE ANY APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS  
27 AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PROGRAM OR OF THE GOVERNING BODIES.

28 18-2403.

29 (A) THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNING  
30 BODIES AND TO PARTNERSHIPS OF EMPLOYERS AND PROVIDERS OF EDUCATION AND  
31 TRAINING PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP INNOVATIVE AND COORDINATED PILOT  
32 PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF LOW-INCOME PARENTS  
33 AND THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

34 (B) THE COMMISSION SHALL ALLOCATE THE FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE IN  
35 ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES AND ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE  
36 COMMISSION.

1 (C) IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION, EACH PARTICIPATING  
2 GOVERNING BODY SHALL DEVELOP ITS OWN:

3 (1) CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION;

4 (2) METHODS FOR OUTREACH TO ELIGIBLE PARENTS; AND

5 (3) METHODS FOR MEASURING AND EVALUATING OUTCOMES.

6 18-2404.

7 (A) A GOVERNING BODY SHALL ASSESS EACH ELIGIBLE PARENT CHOSEN FOR  
8 PARTICIPATION IN A PILOT PROGRAM.

9 (B) THE ASSESSMENT SHALL:

10 (1) IDENTIFY:

11 (I) CAREER SKILLS AND INTERESTS; AND

12 (II) ANY LEARNING DISABILITIES THAT MAY BE A BARRIER TO  
13 EMPLOYMENT; AND

14 (2) DEVELOP AN APPROPRIATE EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING PLAN  
15 FOR THAT ELIGIBLE PARENT.

16 (C) (1) THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL DEVELOP THE EDUCATION AND JOB  
17 TRAINING PLAN SO THAT IT LEADS, WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME, TO A SPECIFIC JOB  
18 OR CAREER THAT:

19 (I) IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ELIGIBLE PARENT'S SKILLS AND  
20 INTERESTS; AND

21 (II) PROVIDES A LIVABLE INCOME THAT WILL MEET AT LEAST A  
22 MINIMUM STANDARD OF NEED AND ACCESS TO BENEFITS.

23 (2) THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL IDENTIFY APPROPRIATELY APPROVED  
24 OR ACCREDITED RESOURCES TO ENABLE THE PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE PARENT TO:

25 (I) PAY FOR THE EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING PLAN; AND

26 (II) OVERCOME BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAN.

27 (3) THE PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE PARENT SHALL AGREE TO THE  
28 EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING PLAN.

29 (4) UNLESS THE GOVERNING BODY AND THE PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE  
30 PARENT AGREE THAT DISCLOSURE OF THE PLAN IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF  
31 THE PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE PARENT, THE EMPLOYER OF THE PARTICIPATING  
32 ELIGIBLE PARENT SHALL AGREE TO THE EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING PLAN.

1 (D) (1) THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL DEVELOP STANDARDS BY WHICH  
2 PROGRESS CAN BE MEASURED THROUGH THE CAREER AND SKILLS ASSESSMENT AT  
3 LEAST ONCE EACH YEAR.

4 (2) THE EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING PLAN SHALL BE ADJUSTED AS  
5 NECESSARY TO REFLECT THE PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE PARENT'S PROGRESS.

6 (E) THE GOVERNING BODY MAY APPOINT A MENTOR OR COUNSELOR TO  
7 PROVIDE ONGOING ADVICE AND SUPPORT TO A PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE PARENT.

8 18-2405.

9 (A) AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL  
10 DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNTS  
11 TO EACH PARTICIPATING GOVERNING BODY, IN A RATIO EQUAL TO THE RATIO OF  
12 ELIGIBLE PARENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAMS OF THAT GOVERNING BODY  
13 TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE PARENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM  
14 STATEWIDE.

15 (B) EACH GOVERNING BODY SHALL ESTABLISH AN EMPLOYMENT  
16 ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNT FOR EACH PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE PARENT TO PAY FOR  
17 EXPENSES OF THAT ELIGIBLE PARENT THAT:

18 (1) ARE NECESSARY FOR THE ELIGIBLE PARENT TO PURSUE  
19 EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

20 (2) IF NO OTHER FUNDING SOURCES ARE AVAILABLE, MAY INCLUDE  
21 TUITION, FEES, AND THE COST OF BOOKS, SUPPLIES, TUTORING, NECESSARY  
22 TRANSPORTATION, CHILD CARE, AND OTHER SIMILAR SUPPORT EXPENSES; AND

23 (3) ARE SUBJECT TO REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE ANNUAL AND  
24 OVERALL LIMITS SET BY THE GOVERNING BODY.

25 (C) EACH GOVERNING BODY SHALL ALLOCATE FUNDS TO PARTICIPATING  
26 ELIGIBLE PARENTS FROM THEIR EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNTS ON A  
27 FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS UNTIL THE GOVERNING BODY EXHAUSTS THE  
28 FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR AND ANY  
29 FUNDS CARRIED OVER FROM A PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

30 (D) (1) AN ELIGIBLE PARENT SEEKING AN EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT  
31 ACCOUNT SHALL FIRST:

32 (I) APPLY FOR ANY AVAILABLE FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL  
33 ASSISTANCE; AND

34 (II) SUBMIT ANY DOCUMENTATION THAT THE GOVERNING BODY  
35 REQUIRES OF THE ELIGIBLE PARENT'S APPLICATION.

36 (2) A PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE PARENT MAY USE THE MONEY IN AN  
37 EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNT ONLY AFTER EXHAUSTING ANY FEDERAL,

1 STATE, OR OTHER FORMS OF FINANCIAL AID THAT THE PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE  
2 PARENT HAS BEEN AWARDED.

3 (3) EXCEPT IN DETERMINING WHETHER AN ELIGIBLE PARENT IS  
4 CONSIDERED DEPENDENT FOR PURPOSES OF OBTAINING OTHER FINANCIAL AID, A  
5 GOVERNING BODY MAY NOT CONSIDER ANY EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION IN  
6 DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR AN EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNT.

7 (4) MONEY RECEIVED FROM AN EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT  
8 ACCOUNT MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED INCOME BY ANY STATE, LOCAL, OR PRIVATE  
9 ENTITY IN CONSIDERING WHETHER TO GRANT AN ELIGIBLE PARENT FINANCIAL  
10 ASSISTANCE.

11 18-2406.

12 (A) IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION, EACH GOVERNING BODY  
13 SHALL CONDUCT AN OUTREACH CAMPAIGN TO ENSURE THAT ELIGIBLE PARENTS  
14 ARE AWARE OF ALL OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN EDUCATION AND JOB  
15 TRAINING PROGRAMS CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND TO THEREBY  
16 INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN THOSE PROGRAMS.

17 (B) THE COMMISSION AND GOVERNING BODIES SHALL CONSIDER THE  
18 FOLLOWING TECHNIQUES IN DEVELOPING OUTREACH PROGRAMS:

19 (1) A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE HOTLINE;

20 (2) THE USE OF FLYERS IN STATE OFFICES AND OTHER PUBLIC  
21 BUILDINGS, PUBLIC EVENTS, SHOPPING AREAS, AND WORK SITES;

22 (3) A PRINT, RADIO, AND TELEVISION MEDIA CAMPAIGN;

23 (4) MAILINGS AND TELEPHONE CALLS TO ELIGIBLE PARENTS,  
24 INCLUDING:

25 (I) FORMER WELFARE RECIPIENTS;

26 (II) FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS;

27 (III) FAMILIES WHOSE CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED IN THE STATE  
28 CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM; AND

29 (IV) INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE FEDERAL AND STATE EARNED  
30 INCOME TAX CREDITS;

31 (5) OUTREACH TO, AND EDUCATION OF, PUBLIC AND  
32 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR STAFFS; AND

33 (6) OUTREACH TO EMPLOYERS ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO UPGRADE  
34 THE EDUCATION AND SKILL LEVELS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE  
35 DEVELOPMENT OF IN-HOUSE TRAINING WITHIN THEIR OWN ORGANIZATIONS,

1 THROUGH A COLLABORATION WITH EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING  
2 ORGANIZATIONS OR AN ALLIANCE WITH OTHER EMPLOYERS.

3 18-2407.

4 (A) BY DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A  
5 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE  
6 WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THAT INCLUDES:

7 (1) THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE PARENTS PURSUING JOB  
8 TRAINING AND EDUCATION PLANS; AND

9 (2) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE PARENTS ARE  
10 ACHIEVING STANDARDS.

11 (B) BY DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
12 RESOURCES SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,  
14 THAT INCLUDES THE EXTENT OF CHILD POVERTY AMONG WORKING FAMILIES IN  
15 THE STATE, INCLUDING THE PERCENTAGES OF WORKING FAMILIES:

16 (1) IN EXTREME POVERTY, BELOW 50% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY  
17 LEVEL;

18 (2) IN POVERTY, BELOW 100% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL;

19 (3) IN NEAR POVERTY, AT OR BELOW 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY  
20 LEVEL; AND

21 (4) WHO RESIDE IN AREAS OF CONCENTRATED POVERTY, IN CENSUS  
22 TRACTS WHERE MORE THAN 75% OF HOUSEHOLDS MAY BE POOR.

23 18-2408.

24 THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE  
25 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

26 18-2409.

27 (A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2002 BUDGET FOR  
28 THE COMMISSION:

29 (1) \$2 MILLION FOR PILOT PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER § 18-2403 OF THE  
30 EDUCATION ARTICLE AS ENACTED BY THIS ACT;

31 (2) \$6 MILLION FOR EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNTS CREATED  
32 UNDER § 18-2405 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE AS ENACTED BY THIS ACT;

33 (3) \$500,000 FOR THE OUTREACH PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER § 18-2406  
34 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE AS ENACTED BY THIS ACT; AND

1           (4)       \$500,000 FOR THE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION REPORT REQUIRED  
2 UNDER § 18-2407(A) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE AS ENACTED BY THIS ACT.

3       (B)       THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET FOR THE COMMISSION  
4 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER:

5           (1)       \$5 MILLION FOR PILOT PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER § 18-2403 OF THE  
6 EDUCATION ARTICLE AS ENACTED BY THIS ACT;

7           (2)       \$11 MILLION FOR EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNTS  
8 CREATED UNDER § 18-2405 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE AS ENACTED BY THIS ACT;

9           (3)       \$500,000 FOR THE OUTREACH PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER § 18-2406  
10 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE AS ENACTED BY THIS ACT; AND

11          (4)       \$500,000 FOR THE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION REPORT REQUIRED  
12 UNDER § 18-2407(A) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE AS ENACTED BY THIS ACT.

13 18-2410.

14       THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE WORKING PARENTS OPPORTUNITY  
15 PROGRAM.

16       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 July 1, 2000.