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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Educational Excellence Award Program - Guaranteed Access Grants**

3 FOR the purpose of providing an exception for certain multiple birth children to a
4 certain qualification for the receipt of a guaranteed access grant under the
5 Educational Excellence Award Program.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Education
8 Section 18-303(c)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article - Education**

14 18-303.

15 (c) (1) [Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
16 SUBSECTION, EACH recipient of a Guaranteed Access Grant shall:

17 [(1)] (I) Have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
18 or its equivalent at the end of the first semester of the senior year in high school and
19 have completed high school in this State or, failing to do so, on the recommendation of
20 the recipient's high school principal, provide evidence satisfactory to the State
21 Scholarship Administration of extenuating circumstances;

22 [(2)] (II) Begin college within 1 year of completing high school or, failing
23 to do so, provide evidence satisfactory to the State Scholarship Administration of
24 extenuating circumstances;

25 [(3)] (III) Be under the age of 22 years at the time of receiving the first
26 award;

1 [(4)] (IV) Have successfully completed a college preparatory program in
2 high school;

3 [(5)] (V) Enroll in college as a full-time student;

4 [(6)] (VI) Have an annual family income below a poverty index
5 determined by the Commission; and

6 [(7)] (VII) Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

7 (2) THE REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (1)(VI) OF THIS
8 SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN APPLICANT WHO WAS BORN AS ONE OF A
9 MULTIPLE BIRTH OF FOUR OR MORE CHILDREN.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2000.