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By: **Delegate Heller**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Education - Disadvantaged Student College Placement Examination Grant**  
3                                   **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Disadvantaged Student College Placement  
5 Examination Grant Program; requiring a county board of education to record  
6 certain information; requiring a county board to report certain information to  
7 the State Board of Education by a certain date; requiring the State Board to  
8 distribute certain grants based on a certain formula to a county board by a  
9 certain date; requiring a county board to disburse a certain grant to certain  
10 students based on a certain formula by a certain date; requiring the State Board  
11 to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Governor to include certain funding  
12 in the State budget for the Program; defining certain terms; and generally  
13 relating to the Disadvantaged Student College Placement Examination Grant  
14 Program.

15 BY adding to  
16 Article - Education  
17 Section 5-213  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

22                                   **Article - Education**

23 5-213.

24 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
25 INDICATED.

26 (2) "COLLEGE PLACEMENT EXAMINATION" INCLUDES THE SAT  
27 EXAMINATION, THE PSAT EXAMINATION, THE ACT EXAMINATION, AND ANY OTHER  
28 EXAMINATION TAKEN BY A STUDENT TO ESTABLISH QUALIFICATION FOR

1 ADMISSION TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN § 10-101(G)  
2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

3 (3) "DISADVANTAGED STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT WHO QUALIFIES  
4 FOR A FREE OR REDUCED PRICE LUNCH.

5 (4) "GRANT" MEANS A DISADVANTAGED STUDENT COLLEGE PLACEMENT  
6 EXAMINATION GRANT.

7 (5) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE DISADVANTAGED STUDENT COLLEGE  
8 PLACEMENT EXAMINATION GRANT PROGRAM.

9 (B) THERE IS A DISADVANTAGED STUDENT COLLEGE PLACEMENT  
10 EXAMINATION GRANT PROGRAM.

11 (C) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AS PROVIDED IN THIS  
12 SUBSECTION.

13 (2) A COUNTY BOARD SHALL RECORD:

14 (I) THE NUMBER OF DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS IN THE COUNTY  
15 WHO TAKE A COLLEGE PLACEMENT EXAMINATION IN EACH FISCAL YEAR; AND

16 (II) THE INDIVIDUAL AND TOTAL COST OF FEES PAID BY  
17 DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS IN THE COUNTY TO TAKE COLLEGE PLACEMENT  
18 EXAMINATIONS IN EACH FISCAL YEAR.

19 (3) BY AUGUST 1 OF EACH YEAR, A COUNTY BOARD SHALL NOTIFY THE  
20 STATE BOARD OF:

21 (I) THE NUMBER OF DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS IN THE COUNTY  
22 WHO TOOK A COLLEGE PLACEMENT EXAMINATION IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR;  
23 AND

24 (II) THE TOTAL COST OF FEES PAID BY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS  
25 IN THE COUNTY TO TAKE COLLEGE PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS IN THE PREVIOUS  
26 FISCAL YEAR.

27 (4) BY OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE STATE BOARD SHALL DISTRIBUTE  
28 A GRANT TO EACH COUNTY BOARD IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE TOTAL COST OF  
29 FEES PAID BY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS IN THE COUNTY TO TAKE COLLEGE  
30 PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS MULTIPLIED BY THE EXISTING COST SHARE  
31 PERCENTAGES USED TO DETERMINE THE MAXIMUM STATE CONSTRUCTION  
32 ALLOCATION FOR EACH COUNTY.

33 (5) BY DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, A COUNTY BOARD SHALL DISBURSE  
34 A GRANT BY PAYING EACH DISADVANTAGED STUDENT IN THE COUNTY WHO TOOK A  
35 COLLEGE PLACEMENT EXAMINATION IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR AN AMOUNT  
36 EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF FEES PAID BY THE DISADVANTAGED STUDENT TO TAKE  
37 COLLEGE PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEES

1 PAID BY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS IN THE COUNTY TO TAKE COLLEGE  
2 PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS MULTIPLIED BY THE TOTAL GRANT PAID BY THE STATE  
3 BOARD TO THE COUNTY BOARD UNDER PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

4 (D) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
5 SECTION.

6 (E) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE  
7 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT AND  
8 MAINTAIN THE PROGRAM.

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