

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 236

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Sfikas” and substitute “Sfikas, Astle, Blount, Colburn, Collins, Currie, DeGrange, Della, Dorman, Exum, Frosh, Green, Hafer, Hoffman, Hogan, Hollinger, Hooper, Jimeno, Kasemeyer, Kelley, Lawlah, Madden, McFadden, Middleton, Munson, Neall, Roesser, Ruben, Stoltzfus, Stone, and Teitelbaum”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety; in line 3, before “Prescription” insert “Maryland”; and in the same line, strike “Pharmaceutical Products” and substitute “Drugs Access Enhancement Act of 2001”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 5, strike “pharmaceutical products” and substitute “drugs”; in line 14, strike “providing for the termination of this Act;” and substitute “requiring the Foundation to study and examine certain issues and to provide certain reports by a certain date in a certain manner; establishing the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to administer the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program in a certain manner; providing for the purpose, eligibility, benefits, and mechanics of the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to recover certain costs; altering the eligibility requirements for the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program; expanding the scope of the Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan; altering the contract term, reducing the premium, and increasing the maximum total annual benefit under the Plan; providing for a certain resetting of certain accumulated annual benefit amounts; altering the requirements and responsibilities of the carrier that serves the Plan; requiring the Department to submit an application for certain amendments to a certain Medicaid waiver for certain purposes; conditioning the implementation of certain provisions of this Act on the approval of a certain Medicaid waiver and on certain provisions of law and certain authorization by Act of the General Assembly; requiring the Department to”.

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conduct certain studies and to provide certain reports by certain dates in a certain manner; expressing the intent of the General Assembly that pharmacies participating in the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program be compensated for certain reductions in reimbursement; requiring the Department to develop a certain mechanism to allow the recovery of certain reductions in reimbursement by certain pharmacies under certain circumstances; requiring the Comptroller of the Treasury to conduct a certain study, in consultation with the Department, and to provide a certain report by a certain date in a certain manner; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations for certain purposes by a certain date; requiring the Secretary and a certain carrier to modify a certain contract; requiring the Secretary to suspend the implementation or application of certain provisions of law under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Aging to serve as a central point of referral for the general public for certain matters under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Aging to provide a certain report by a certain date in a certain manner; providing for the funding of certain provisions of this Act under certain circumstances; providing for the contingent effect of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act under certain circumstances; providing for the delayed effect of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the delayed implementation of certain provisions of this Act; altering certain definitions; repealing certain definitions;”; in line 15, strike “Foundation and statewide” and substitute “enhancement of”; and in line 16, strike “pharmaceutical products” and substitute “drugs in Maryland”.

On page 1, after line 16, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 15-103(d) and 15-124.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 15-124(a) and 15-601 through 15-603, inclusive
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume)”.

On page 1, in lines 20 and 21, strike “pharmaceutical products” and substitute “drugs”; and in line 22, strike “pharmaceutical products” and substitute “drugs”.

On page 2, in line 26, strike “pharmaceutical products” and substitute “drugs”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, strike beginning with the colon in line 9 down through “(1)” in line 10; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 11 down through “annually” in line 12.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, after line 18, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

15-103.

(D) AS PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW OR WAIVER, THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM, ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15-124.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AS PART OF THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

15-124.1.

(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM WITHIN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM IS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH STATUS OF MEDICARE ENROLLEES AND CERTAIN UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS WHO LACK PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO LOWER COST, MEDICALLY NECESSARY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

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(C) THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AND OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW OR WAIVER.

(D) THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM SHALL BE OPEN TO:

(1) MEDICARE ENROLLEES WHO ARE WITHOUT OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE; AND

(2) OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO:

(I) HAVE AN ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME AT OR BELOW 300 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES; AND

(II) DO NOT HAVE OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE.

(E) (1) ENROLLEES OF THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM SHALL BE ENTITLED TO PURCHASE MEDICALLY NECESSARY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FROM ANY PHARMACY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT A PRICE THAT IS EQUAL TO THE PRICE PAID BY THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MINUS AMOUNTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO ANY FEDERALLY MANDATED MANUFACTURERS' REBATES.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH A MECHANISM TO RECOVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

(F) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION AND ANY REGULATIONS ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION MAY ENROLL IN THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM, IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS OR HAS BEEN:

(1) ENROLLED IN THE MARYLAND PHARMACY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15-124 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

(2) A BENEFICIARY OF A FREE OR SUBSIDIZED PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM FACILITATED THROUGH THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION.

(G) TO THE EXTENT THAT AN INSTITUTIONAL PHARMACY SERVES PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND RESIDENTS IN NURSING HOMES, THE INSTITUTIONAL PHARMACY MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

(H) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, before line 19, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

15-124.

(a) (1) The Department shall maintain a Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program for low income individuals whose:

(i) Assets are not more than [1.5] 3 times the amount of accountable resources according to the asset schedule of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; and

(ii) Gross annual income does not exceed[:

1. \$4,600 plus \$500 for each individual over 1 in a family unit;

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and

2. An annual increase set by the Secretary under paragraph (2)(ii)4 of this subsection] 120 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES.

(2) (i) 1. In this paragraph the following words have the meanings indicated.

2. "Income disregard" means the exclusion of up to \$1,000 of annual income earned by an individual as a client of a sheltered workshop if the individual's sole other income is derived from a Social Security payment.

3. "Sheltered workshop" means a workshop licensed by the Developmental Disabilities Administration under Title 7, Subtitle 9 of this article.

(ii) For the purpose of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Secretary shall:

1. In order to determine eligibility for the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program, deduct any income disregards from the countable gross income of a unit that contains a disabled individual;

2. Define excluded assets; AND

3. Establish a family unit structure[; and

4. Beginning July 1, 1985, increase annually at the time Social Security benefits are increased, rounded to the next highest even \$50 level, the income level within which an individual is eligible for benefits under the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program by the larger of:

A. The percentage by which benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401-433) are increased by the federal government due to cost-of-living changes as that percentage is reported in the Federal Register pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 415(I)(2)(D) but

not to exceed 8 percent; or

B. The dollar amount by which the medical assistance income schedules are increased by the State].

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

15-601.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Carrier” means:

(1) An authorized insurer;

(2) A nonprofit health service plan;

(3) A health maintenance organization;

(4) A managed care organization;

(5) A dental plan organization; or

(6) Any other person that provides health benefit plans subject to regulation by the State.

(c) “Eligible individual” means an individual who:

(1) Is a resident of Maryland and at least 65 years of age;

(2) Is eligible for Medicare Plus Choice, as defined under Title XVIII of the

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federal Social Security Act, as amended;

(3) Resides in a medically underserved county or portion of a county;

(4) Pays the premium for Medicare Part “B”, as required by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended;

[(5)] (4) Is not enrolled in a Medicare Plus Choice managed care program that provides prescription drug benefits at the time that the individual applies for enrollment in the Plan; and

[(6)] (5) Pays the premium, co-payments, and deductibles for the Plan.

(d) “Enrollee” means an individual enrolled in the Plan.

(e) “Fund” means the Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan Fund created under § 15-604 of this subtitle.

[(f) “Medically underserved county” means any of the following counties:

(1) Allegany County;

(2) Calvert County;

(3) Caroline County;

(4) Carroll County;

(5) Cecil County;

(6) Charles County;

(7) Dorchester County;

- (8) Frederick County;
- (9) Garrett County;
- (10) Kent County;
- (11) Queen Anne's County;
- (12) St. Mary's County;
- (13) Somerset County;
- (14) Talbot County;
- (15) Washington County;
- (16) Wicomico County; or
- (17) Worcester County.

(g) "Portion of a county" means a geographic part of a county not listed in subsection (f) of this section that was served by a Medicare Plus Choice managed care provider prior to January 1, 2000, and is no longer served.]

[(h)] (F) "Plan" means the Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan established under this subtitle.

15-602.

(a) A carrier that is required to provide the Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan under § 15-606(c) of the Insurance Article shall:

(1) Sign a contract with the Secretary agreeing to provide prescription drug benefits to eligible individuals for a period of at least [2 years] 1 YEAR;

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(2) Except as otherwise required under State or federal law, agree not to alter the level or types of benefits provided under the Plan throughout the [2-year] 1-YEAR period of the contract;

(3) Agree to hold enrollee premiums at the same level throughout the [2-year] 1-YEAR contract period;

[(4) Agree to continue to serve at least the same medically underserved counties or portions of counties throughout the 2-year contract period;] and

[(5)] (4) Make all performance review and financial records available for review by the Secretary and the Maryland Insurance Administration.

(b) The carrier is not required, in providing the Plan, to offer any other benefit otherwise required under Title 19, Subtitle 7 of this article or Title 15, Subtitle 8 of the Insurance Article.

15-603.

(a) The Plan provided under this subtitle shall:

(1) Throughout the [2-year] 1-YEAR contract period, provide benefits to not more than 15,000 enrollees at any one time who are eligible individuals [and who reside in any of the medically underserved counties or portions of counties];

(2) Set the monthly premium charged an enrollee at [\$40] \$20;

(3) Set the deductible charged an enrollee at \$50 per year per individual;

(4) Limit the co-pay charged an enrollee to:

(i) \$10 for a prescription for a generic drug;

(ii) \$20 for a prescription for a preferred brand name drug; and

(iii) \$35 for a prescription for a nonpreferred brand name drug; and

(5) [Limit] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, LIMIT the total annual benefit to [\$1,000] \$1,200 per individual.

(b) The Plan may include a restricted formulary of experimental drugs not approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for general use that will not be reimbursed.

(c) [(1) During the first 180 days of the operation of the Plan, the carrier may enroll only eligible individuals who were:

(i) Enrolled in Medicare Plus Choice managed care programs in medically underserved counties or portions of counties on or before December 31, 1999; and

(ii) After December 31, 1999, ceased to be enrolled in those plans.

(2) On and after the 181st day of the operation of the Plan, the carrier may enroll any eligible individual.

(3) The carrier shall work with the Secretary and the Maryland Department of Aging to provide notice, through the written and electronic media and other means, to the eligible individuals [eligible for enrollment in the first 180 days of the operation of the Plan,] of the availability of the Plan [and of the enrollment preference to be granted].

(D) THE CARRIER, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001 AND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2001, FOR EACH ENROLLEE, SHALL DISREGARD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING THE ENROLLEE'S PROGRESS TOWARD THE TOTAL ANNUAL BENEFIT LIMIT, ALL BENEFIT AMOUNTS REALIZED UNDER THE PLAN THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, in line 19, strike "SECTION 2." and substitute:

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“SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:

(a) (1) shall submit an application to the federal Health Care Financing Administration for an amendment to the State's existing § 1115 demonstration waiver necessary to implement the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program established under § 15-124.1 of the Health - General Article as enacted by Section 2 of this Act; and

(2) may comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection by simultaneously applying for two separate amendments, as follows:

(i) one amendment establishing eligibility for the Medicare enrollees who are without other public or private prescription drug coverage; and

(ii) one amendment establishing eligibility for other individuals who have an annual household income at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and do not have other public or private prescription drug coverage;

(b) shall include in its application or applications required under subsection (a) of this section provisions for the establishment of a pharmaceutical care management program, for individuals who will participate in the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program, the objectives of which shall be to:

(1) improve the overall health condition of covered individuals;

(2) ensure that covered individuals are receiving necessary prescription medications, are not receiving multiple medications which are not adding to the overall improvement of the health conditions of the individuals, and are not taking multiple medications which by their interaction may cause harm; and

(3) ensure coordination between a covered individual's primary care provider, pharmacist, and other health care professionals in the delivery of pharmaceutical care;

(c) shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the status of the application or applications required under subsection (a) of this section as soon as the Department receives final approval or denial, but not later than December 1, 2001; and

(d) if the Department receives approval for an application or applications required under subsection (a) of this section, may not implement the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program established under Section 2 of this Act without authorization of the General Assembly, as expressed through an Act of the General Assembly.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall:

(a) study the feasibility of implementing a mechanism for providing discounts for prescription drugs under the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program established under Section 2 of this Act that are larger than the discount provided under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program for individuals who are eligible for the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program and whose annual household incomes are less than 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, such that the larger discounts are inversely related to the eligible individual's annual household income; and

(b) on or before December 1, 2001, report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on any findings and recommendations that result from the study required under subsection (a) of this section, including:

(1) the expected impact of implementing such a mechanism on participation in the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program;

(2) whether federal funds could be used to finance such a mechanism;

(3) a recommendation on the appropriate financing of such a mechanism; and

(4) a cost-benefit analysis of any recommendations.

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SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) it is the intent of the General Assembly that a pharmacy that participates in the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program established under § 15-124.1 of the Health - General Article shall be compensated for reductions in reimbursement that result from its participation in the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program; and

(b) the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall:

(1) develop a mechanism for a pharmacy that participates in the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program established under § 15-124.1 of the Health - General Article to recover reductions in reimbursement that result from participation in the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program; and

(2) ensure the maximum use of federal funds that are available to accomplish the recovery of reductions in reimbursement required under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) the State Comptroller of the Treasury, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, shall study the feasibility of providing a tax credit for catastrophic out-of-pocket prescription drug expenses;

(b) the study shall include a consideration of:

(1) eligibility thresholds, including income and other status factors, for qualification for a tax credit;

(2) the nature and scope of out-of-pocket expenses that would be considered in calculating a tax credit;

(3) the fiscal impact and cost-benefit analysis of a variety of sizes of tax credits;
and

(4) whether a tax credit should be refundable; and

(c) (1) the Comptroller shall report on or before December 1, 2001 to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on any findings and recommendations; and

(2) if a recommendation for a tax credit is made, the Comptroller shall make a recommendation on the appropriate size, nature, and scope of the tax credit.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) the Maryland Health Care Foundation shall examine methods to facilitate the purchase of prescription drugs through federally qualified health centers in Maryland to maximize the number of people who can benefit from the purchasing power of the federally qualified health centers, especially under available federal prescription drug pricing programs; and

(b) the Foundation shall, on or before December 1, 2001, report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on:

(1) the number and demographic characteristics, including area of residence, economic status, and insured status, of the individuals who would be eligible to utilize available prescription drug pricing programs through the federally qualified health centers in the State;

(2) the types of prescription drugs that are or could be available through available prescription drug pricing programs through the federally qualified health centers in the State;

(3) recommendations regarding:

(i) whether to pursue a method to maximize the potential of available prescription drug pricing programs through the federally qualified health centers in the State; and

(ii) if the recommendation under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph is affirmative:

1. the most appropriate method or methods to maximize the potential of available prescription drug pricing programs through the federally qualified health centers in the State;

2. the best option or options for financing any method or methods recommended under item 1 of this subparagraph; and

3. the nature and extent of outreach that should be performed to best inform eligible individuals of the ability to obtain prescription drugs through the federally qualified health centers in the State; and

(4) the cost-benefit analysis of any recommendations under paragraph (3)(ii) of this section.

SECTION 10.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, after line 29, insert:

“SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt regulations not later than June 30, 2001 to implement, effective July 1, 2001, the provisions of Section 4 of this Act.

SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the carrier that is required to provide the Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan under § 15-606(c) of the Insurance Article shall agree, not later than June 30, 2001, to modify the contract required under Chapter 565 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000 to enable the implementation, effective July 1, 2001, of the provisions of Section 4 of this Act.

SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene is notified by the federal Health Care Financing Administration that any provision of Section 4 of this Act will invalidate the Maryland Medicare Waiver or cause a reduction in the State’s eligibility for federal funding of Medicaid, the Secretary may suspend the implementation or operation of the provision of Section 4 of this Act that is the subject of the notification.

SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Aging shall:

(a) develop a mechanism for serving the general public as a central point of referral to the various forms of available assistance related to accessing prescription drugs in the State;

(b) in fulfilling its obligations under subsection (a) of this section, coordinate with all relevant public and private entities to maintain current and accurate information regarding eligibility, benefits, and requirements of all available programs and financial assistance that facilitate access to prescription drugs in the State; and

(c) on or before December 1, 2001 and annually thereafter, report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the Department's progress in complying with the requirements of this section.

SECTION 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt regulations not later than June 30, 2001 to implement, effective July 1, 2001, the provisions of Section 3 of this Act.

SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001. On the earlier of the end of June 30, 2002, or the availability of comparable prescription pharmacy benefits provided by Medicare under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 4 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. If comparable prescription pharmacy benefits are provided by Medicare under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall notify the Department of Legislative Services, 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 not later than 90 days before prescription drug benefits are to be provided.

SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for fiscal year 2002, the State Comptroller of the Treasury shall distribute to the Maryland Health Care Foundation the revenue collected as a result of the taking effect of Chapter ____ (H.B. 828) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001 in a manner to ensure that:

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(a) (1) not less than 50,000 individuals will be served under Section 1 of this Act; but

(2) notwithstanding the goal specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the total distributed does not exceed \$8 million; and

(b) the revenues collected are distributed to the Foundation until the level of funding required under subsection (a) of this section is achieved before distributions for any other purpose may be made.

SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1, 3, 10, and 17 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter _____ (H.B. 828) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, and if Chapter _____ does not become effective, Sections 1, 3, 10, and 17 of this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

SECTION 19. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 15 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001, contingent on the enactment of Chapter _____ (H.B. 828) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, and, if Chapter _____ is not enacted, Section 15 of this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, in line 30, strike “3.” and substitute “20.”; in the same line, after “That” insert “Section 13 of”; and strike beginning with “It” in line 31 down through the period in line 33.

On page 2, after line 33, insert:

“SECTION 21. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Sections 16, 18, 19, and 20 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001.”.