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ENROLLED BILL

-- Ways and Means/Economic and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegates Goldwater and Mandel**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Health ~~Manpower~~ Personnel Shortage Incentive Grant**
3 **Program - Grants**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the method of determining under the Health ~~Manpower~~
5 Personnel Shortage Incentive Grant Program the threshold number of
6 graduating students from certain institutions above which the institutions shall
7 receive from the State Scholarship Administration certain grants per
8 graduating student; and generally relating to grants under the Health
9 ~~Manpower~~ Personnel Shortage Incentive Grant Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article - Education
12 Section ~~18-803(b)~~ 18-803(a)(1), (c), and (e)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

1 Article - Education
 2 Section ~~18-803(d)~~ 18-803(a)(2),(b), and (d)
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

7 **Article - Education**

8 18-803.

9 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

10 (2) "Grant" means the Health [Manpower] PERSONNEL Shortage
 11 Incentive Grant for eligible institutions offering educational programs leading to
 12 licensure, certification, or registration in health occupations determined to be in short
 13 supply.

14 (b) (1) There is a Health ~~Manpower~~ PERSONNEL Shortage Incentive Grant
 15 Program for eligible institutions.

16 (2) The State Scholarship Administration shall administer the Grant
 17 Program as provided in this section.

18 (3) In consultation with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the
 19 Administration shall adopt regulations to implement the Grant Program.

20 (c) An eligible institution is qualified to receive a grant under this section if
 21 the institution:

22 (1) Has an approved education program leading to licensure,
 23 certification, or registration in a health occupation determined to be in short supply;
 24 and

25 (2) Funds the approved education program at an amount not less than
 26 the preceding fiscal year.

27 (d) (1) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, an eligible
 28 institution shall receive a grant in the amount of \$1,500 for each student who
 29 graduates, ~~IN EXCESS OF A THRESHOLD NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE~~
 30 ~~ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE~~
 31 ~~ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS~~, from an approved education program leading to licensure,
 32 certification, or registration in a health occupation determined to be in short supply,
 33 that is in excess of the ~~total~~ LOWEST number of students who graduated from the
 34 approved education program at that eligible institution ~~during~~ COMMENCING IN THE
 35 academic year 1990-91}.

1 (2) FOR PURPOSES OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
2 COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH, IN CONSULTATION WITH EACH APPROPRIATE
3 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, THAT INSTITUTION'S THRESHOLD NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

4 (e) (1) If the total amount of the grant to be issued under subsection (d) of
5 this section is more than the amount appropriated in the annual State Budget,
6 including the amount that is collected under the Physician Quality Assurance Fund
7 under § 14-207(c)(2)(i) of the Health Occupations Article and transferred to this
8 program, the amount of an eligible institution's grant for that period shall be equal to
9 the product of the amount required to pay grants under subsection (d) multiplied by
10 the ratio of the total amount appropriated to the eligible institution.

11 (2) Any unspent portions of the money that is transferred to the
12 Administration for use under this section by the Comptroller may not be transferred
13 to or revert to the General Fund of the State, but shall remain in the Fund
14 maintained by the Administration to administer these programs to be used for the
15 purposes specified in this section.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 2001.