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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article - Education
17 Section 18-803(d)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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 18-803.

24 (b) (1) There is a Health Manpower Shortage Incentive Grant Program for
25 eligible institutions.

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

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

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

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

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

10 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, an eligible institution
11 shall receive a grant in the amount of \$1,500 for each student who graduates, IN
12 EXCESS OF A THRESHOLD NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE ESTABLISHED BY
13 THE COMMISSION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE ELIGIBLE
14 INSTITUTIONS, from an approved education program leading to licensure,
15 certification, or registration in a health occupation determined to be in short supply[,
16 that is in excess of the total number of students who graduated from the approved
17 education program at that eligible institution during academic year 1990-91].

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

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

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