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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Community Colleges - Funding of the Collaborative**
3 **Initiatives Grant Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a funding formula for the Collaborative Initiatives
5 Grant Program to fund certain projects at certain community colleges;
6 establishing this fund based on a certain percentage of the direct grants
7 allocated to community colleges through the Senator John A. Cade Funding
8 Formula and a certain percentage of the funds allocated to Baltimore City
9 Community College through a certain funding formula; requiring the Maryland
10 Higher Education Commission, in cooperation with the Maryland Association of
11 Community Colleges, to establish policy and guidelines for the administration of
12 the Grant Program; and generally relating to the funding of the Collaborative
13 Initiatives Grant Program.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article - Education
16 Section 10-101(m) and 16-305(a) and (b)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
19 (As enacted by Chapter 584 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000)

20 BY adding to
21 Article - Education
22 Section 16-305(g)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article - Education

10-101.

(m) "State Plan for Higher Education" means the plan for postsecondary education and research required to be developed by the Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 11-105(b) of this article.

16-305.

(a) The formula used for the distribution of funds to the community colleges in the State shall be known as the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula.

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

(2) "Assessed valuation of real property" means assessed valuation of real property as determined for purposes of the State aid calculated under § 5-202 of this article.

(3) "Board" means:

(i) In a county that has 1 or more community colleges, the board of community college trustees for the county; or

(ii) Where 2 or more counties establish a region to support a regional community college, the board of regional community college trustees.

(4) "Community college" means a community college established under this title but does not include Baltimore City Community College.

(5) "County share" means the total amount of money for operating funds to be provided each fiscal year to a board by the county that supports the community college or colleges or, in the case of a regional community college, the total amount of money for operating funds to be provided each fiscal year to the board by all counties that support the regional community college.

(6) "Direct grants" means the sum of the following components of the State share:

(i) Fixed costs;

(ii) Marginal costs; and

(iii) Size factor.

(7) "Full-time equivalent student" is the quotient of the number of student credit hours produced in the fiscal year 2 years prior to the fiscal year for which the State share is calculated divided by 30, as certified by the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

1 (8) "Population" means population as determined for purposes of
2 calculating the State share of the library program using the definition in § 23-501 of
3 this article.

4 (9) "Region" means the counties supporting a regional community college
5 established under Subtitle 2 of this title.

6 (10) "Small community college" means:

7 (i) Allegany College of Maryland;

8 (ii) Garrett Community College;

9 (iii) Hagerstown Community College;

10 (iv) Carroll Community College;

11 (v) Cecil Community College;

12 (vi) Chesapeake College; or

13 (vii) Wor-Wic Community College.

14 (11) "State share" means the amount of money for community college
15 operating funds to be provided each fiscal year to a board by the State.

16 (12) "Student credit hours" means student credit hours or contact hours
17 which are eligible, under the regulations issued by the Maryland Higher Education
18 Commission, for inclusion in State funding calculations.

19 (13) "Total State operating fund" means the sum of community college
20 State appropriations for direct grants.

21 (G) (1) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2004, AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
22 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL BE GRANTED, FOR THE COLLABORATIVE
23 INITIATIVES GRANT PROGRAM, AN ADDITIONAL 2% FROM:

24 (I) THE DIRECT GRANTS ALLOCATED TO THE COMMUNITY
25 COLLEGES THROUGH THE SENATOR JOHN A. CADE FUNDING FORMULA; AND

26 (II) THE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY
27 COLLEGE THROUGH THE FUNDING FORMULA ESTABLISHED UNDER § 16-512(A)(3) OF
28 THIS TITLE.

29 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES GRANT
30 PROGRAM IS TO IMPLEMENT AND MAINTAIN COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS AT
31 COMMUNITY COLLEGES, INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THAT
32 SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE STATE PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AS DEFINED IN §
33 10-101(M) OF THIS ARTICLE.

1 (3) THE COMMISSION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE MARYLAND
2 ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, SHALL ESTABLISH POLICY AND
3 GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES
4 GRANT PROGRAM.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 July 1, 2002.