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ENROLLED BILL

-- Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation/Ways and Means
and Appropriations --

Introduced by **Senator Lawlah (Task Force to Study College Readiness for
Disadvantaged and Capable Students) and Senators Kelley, Pinsky, and
Schrader Schrader, and McFadden**

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

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **College Readiness for Disadvantaged and Capable Students Act of 2002**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the Maryland Professional Development Program in~~
4 ~~the State Department of Education; providing for the purpose of the Maryland~~
5 ~~Professional Development Program; requiring the Department to distribute~~
6 ~~certain grants to counties for certain purposes; providing that the Maryland~~
7 ~~Professional Development Program may include certain elements; requiring~~
8 ~~that funds for the Maryland Professional Development Program be provided in~~
9 ~~the State budget; requiring the Department to distribute a grant in certain~~
10 ~~amounts to each county for the administration of the Preliminary Scholastic~~
11 ~~Aptitude Test; changing the name of the State Scholarship Administration;~~
12 requiring the State Department of Education to distribute a grant in certain
13 amounts to certain counties for the administration of the Preliminary Scholastic
14 Aptitude Test; requiring the Governor to include a certain mount of funds in the

1 budget for certain need-based programs; providing for students to qualify in a
2 certain grade for a Guaranteed Access Grant; requiring certain students to
3 agree to certain conditions in order to receive a Guaranteed Access Grant in
4 certain years; establishing the College Readiness Outreach Program in the
5 Maryland Higher Education Commission and the State Department of
6 Education; providing that the College Readiness Outreach Program will provide
7 certain assistance to certain students; providing certain State funding for the
8 College Readiness Outreach Program; providing for certain institutions of
9 higher education to make Education Excellence Awards to certain students in
10 certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to
11 establish certain guidelines and adopt certain regulations for certain awards by
12 certain institutions of higher education; requiring certain institutions of higher
13 education to provide an audit describing the disposition of certain funds;
14 providing for the allocation of funds to certain institutions of higher education
15 by the Maryland Higher Education Commission; establishing the Maryland
16 Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program for certain students at certain
17 institutions of higher education; establishing certain eligibility standards for the
18 Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program; providing for
19 certain scholarship amounts; providing certain funding for the Maryland
20 Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program; requiring the Maryland
21 Higher Education Commission to establish certain guidelines and adopt certain
22 regulations for the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program;
23 requiring certain institutions of higher education to provide an audit describing
24 the disposition of certain funds; ~~requiring the Department to review current pay
25 for teachers and school administrators and make certain recommendations;
26 requiring the Department to submit a certain report to the Governor and
27 General Assembly by a certain date; declaring the intent of the General
28 Assembly that the Governor shall include a certain amount in a certain State
29 budget for the Maryland Professional Development Program; declaring the
30 intent of the General Assembly that the Governor shall include a certain amount
31 in a certain State budget for the administration of the Preliminary Scholastic
32 Aptitude Test; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the K-16
33 Leadership Council be formalized through a certain memorandum of
34 understanding, that establishment of a K-16 Research and Development
35 Institute and Maryland Clearinghouse for Educational Statistics be established
36 studied; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the Department
37 develop, in conjunction with the Professional Standards in Teaching Education
38 Program Board, a certificate for middle school teachers; ~~declaring the intent of
39 the General Assembly that the Governor include certain funds in the budget for
40 certain need-based programs; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that
41 the College Readiness Outreach Program be implemented over a certain number
42 of years; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor shall
43 include a certain amount in a certain State budget for a certain pilot of the
44 College Readiness Outreach Program; declaring the intent of the General
45 Assembly that additional counties be added to the College Readiness Outreach
46 Program as funds are provided in the budget; declaring the intent of the General
47 Assembly that the Governor include certain funds in a certain State budget for
48 certain awards~~ requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in~~

1 consultation with the State Department of Education, on or before a certain
 2 date, to complete a certain evaluation of the College Readiness Outreach
 3 Program and submit a certain report to the General Assembly; providing for
 4 future corrections to certain obsolete references by the publisher of the
 5 Annotated Code; and generally relating to college readiness for students in
 6 Maryland.

7 BY adding to
 8 Article - Education
 9 Section ~~6-801 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Professional~~
 10 ~~Development"; 7-203.1, 7-203.1, 18-303(d), and and 18-303.1; and~~
 11 18-2601 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 26. Maryland Graduate and
 12 Professional Scholarship Program"
 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
 14 (2001 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 16 Article - Education
 17 Section 18-101, 18-107(a), 18-201 through 18-204, 18-303(b) and (c), and
 18 18-304 through 18-307
 19 Annotated Code of Maryland
 20 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

23 **Article - Education**

24 **~~SUBTITLE 8. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.~~**

25 ~~6-801.~~

26 ~~(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE~~
 27 ~~DEPARTMENT.~~

28 ~~(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:~~

29 ~~(1) PROVIDE INTENSIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS,~~
 30 ~~PRINCIPALS, AND GUIDANCE COUNSELORS IN THE STATE EACH YEAR ON METHODS~~
 31 ~~AND PRACTICES THAT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT STUDENT LEARNING WITH EMPHASIS~~
 32 ~~ON INSTRUCTION OF DISADVANTAGED AND CAPABLE STUDENTS;~~

33 ~~(2) TEACH HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELORS TO DIAGNOSTICALLY~~
 34 ~~INTERPRET THE RESULTS OF THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST AND~~
 35 ~~TO USE THE RESULTS TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN PREPARING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION~~
 36 ~~PROGRAMS; AND~~

1 (3) PROMOTE THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE
2 STATE.

3 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO COUNTIES FOR THE
4 ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
5 EACH YEAR FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS, PRINCIPALS,
6 AND GUIDANCE COUNSELORS IN THE STATE.

7 (D) THE PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE:

8 (1) INDUCTION AND MENTORING OF NEW TEACHERS;

9 (2) INSTRUCTION ON TECHNIQUES FOR TEACHING DISADVANTAGED
10 AND CAPABLE STUDENTS;

11 (3) EXAMINATION OF A REDUCED WORKLOAD FOR FIRST-YEAR
12 TEACHERS; AND

13 (4) SUMMER WORKSHOPS.

14 (E) FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL
15 BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT.

16 7-203.1.

17 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO EACH COUNTY FOR
18 THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST TO 10TH
19 GRADE STUDENTS.

20 (B) THE AMOUNT OF EACH COUNTY'S GRANT SHALL BE IN AN AMOUNT
21 SUFFICIENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TEST TO ALL 10TH GRADE STUDENTS
22 IN THE COUNTY.

23 7-203.1.

24 (A) (1) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2003 AND 2004, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
25 DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTIES, AS DEFINED IN
26 ARTICLE 83A, § 5-701 OF THE CODE, FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
27 PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST TO 10TH GRADE STUDENTS.

28 (2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR,
29 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO EACH COUNTY FOR THE
30 ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST TO 10TH
31 GRADE STUDENTS.

32 (B) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING IN THE STATE
33 BUDGET, THE AMOUNT OF EACH COUNTY'S GRANT SHALL BE IN AN AMOUNT
34 SUFFICIENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TEST TO ALL 10TH GRADE
35 STUDENTS IN THE COUNTY.

1 18-101.

2 (a) In this title[,] the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (b) ["Administration" means the State Scholarship Administration.

4 (c)] "Commission" means the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

5 (C) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

6 (d) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Higher Education.

7 18-107.

8 (a) (1) Each year, money for each award program under this title shall be
9 included in the State budget.

10 (2) EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET
11 AT LEAST 80 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR
12 FOR NEED-BASED PROGRAMS AS PROVIDED IN §§ 18-301, 18-706(D), 18-1401, 18-1501,
13 AND 18-2601 OF THIS TITLE AND § 13-613(D)(1) OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

14 18-201.

15 There is [a State Scholarship Administration] AN OFFICE OF STUDENT
16 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE within the Commission.

17 18-202.

18 (a) The head of the [Administration] OFFICE is the Executive Director, who
19 shall be appointed by the Secretary.

20 (b) Subject to the general policies of the Maryland Higher Education
21 Commission and the general supervision of the Secretary, the Executive Director
22 exercises the powers and performs the duties under this title.

23 18-203.

24 (a) The [Administration] OFFICE may employ the additional staff necessary
25 to carry out its functions as provided in the State budget.

26 (b) Each employee of the [Administration] OFFICE is entitled to the
27 compensation provided in the State budget.

28 (c) In conducting their operations, the Commission and [Administration]
29 OFFICE shall share resources and coordinate their activities in order to enhance the
30 efficient utilization of resources in the performance of their functions.

1 18-204.

2 (a) In addition to any other powers granted and duties imposed by this title,
3 the [Administration] OFFICE has the powers and duties set forth in this section.

4 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the [Administration] OFFICE
5 shall:

6 (1) Administer the scholarship and tuition assistance programs under
7 this title;

8 (2) Issue and disseminate public information about these scholarships;

9 (3) Regulate the form and submission of applications for scholarships
10 and tuition assistance under this title; and

11 (4) Conduct conferences and interviews with applicants to evaluate their
12 eligibility.

13 (c) The [Administration] OFFICE may adopt any rule or regulation necessary
14 to carry out its powers and duties.

15 (d) The [Administration] OFFICE:

16 (1) Shall administer any federal program of scholarships or grants to
17 students or institutions except for the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship which shall be
18 administered by the Maryland State Department of Education; and

19 (2) May do anything necessary to comply with any federal law relating to
20 these scholarships or grants.

21 (e) The [Administration] OFFICE shall:

22 (1) Arrange for the competitive examination required of applicants for
23 certain scholarships; and

24 (2) Send the results of the examination to the appropriate institutions
25 and to the person who awards the scholarship.

26 (f) The [Administration] OFFICE shall:

27 (1) Analyze under uniform standards the financial need of each
28 applicant for a scholarship for which financial need is a consideration; and

29 (2) Send its analysis to the appropriate institution and the person who
30 awards the scholarship.

31 18-303.

32 (b) [Each] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, EACH recipient of
33 an Educational Excellence Award shall:

1 (1) Be accepted for admission in the regular undergraduate program at
2 an eligible institution or be enrolled in a [two-year] 2-YEAR associate degree
3 program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited
4 baccalaureate program in an eligible institution;

5 (2) Be a resident of this State;

6 (3) Demonstrate to the [State Scholarship Administration] OFFICE a
7 definite financial need; and

8 (4) Accept any other conditions attached to the award.

9 (c) Each recipient of a Guaranteed Access Grant shall:

10 (1) Have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or
11 its equivalent at the end of the first semester of the senior year in high school and
12 have completed high school or, failing to do so, on the recommendation of the
13 recipient's high school principal, provide evidence satisfactory to the [State
14 Scholarship Administration] OFFICE of extenuating circumstances;

15 (2) Begin college within 1 year of completing high school or, failing to do
16 so, provide evidence satisfactory to the [State Scholarship Administration] OFFICE of
17 extenuating circumstances;

18 (3) Be under the age of 22 years at the time of receiving the first award;

19 (4) Have successfully completed a college preparatory program in high
20 school;

21 (5) Enroll in college as a full-time student;

22 (6) Have an annual family income below a poverty index determined by
23 the Commission; and

24 (7) Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

25 (D) A STUDENT IN GRADE 9 OR GRADE 10 WHO APPLIES AND QUALIFIES FOR A
26 GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT AWARD ON THE BASIS OF FINANCIAL NEED AS
27 ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL PREQUALIFY FOR A GUARANTEED
28 ACCESS AWARD TO BE USED AT THE TIME OF ENROLLMENT IN AN INSTITUTION OF
29 HIGHER EDUCATION BY AGREEING IN WRITING, AS A SECONDARY AND
30 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT, TO:

31 (1) SATISFY THE ATTENDANCE POLICY OF THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL;

32 (2) REFRAIN FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE;

33 (3) PROVIDE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION OR THE
34 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

1 (4) COMPLETE AND FILE ON A TIMELY BASIS APPLICATIONS FOR
2 FEDERAL STUDENT AID FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE STUDENT PLANS TO ENROLL IN
3 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION;

4 (5) PARTICIPATE IN THE COLLEGE READINESS OUTREACH PROGRAM
5 ESTABLISHED IN § 18-303.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE UNTIL THE STUDENT GRADUATES
6 FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND MATRICULATES AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
7 EDUCATION; AND

8 (6) SATISFY ANY OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS SET BY THE OFFICE,
9 THE COMMISSION, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT
10 OF EDUCATION.

11 18-303.1.

12 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE COLLEGE READINESS
13 OUTREACH PROGRAM.

14 (B) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH
15 COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS
16 OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SHALL JOINTLY ADMINISTER THE COLLEGE READINESS
17 OUTREACH PROGRAM.

18 (C) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY
19 FOR A GUARANTEED ACCESS AWARD IN 9TH OR 10TH GRADE TO ASSIST THE
20 STUDENTS IN SUCCESSFULLY:

21 (1) COMPLETING A COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM;

22 (2) GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL; AND

23 (3) MATRICULATING AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS
24 DEFINED IN §§ 18-305 AND 18-308 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

25 (D) (1) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE
26 STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL COORDINATORS FOR THE PROGRAM.

27 (2) THE STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL COORDINATORS SHALL:

28 (I) WORK WITH COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND COUNTY
29 SUPERINTENDENTS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING TO
30 PARTICIPATING STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL; AND

31 (II) PUBLICIZE THE PROGRAM THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH
32 AND MARKETING MATERIALS.

33 (E) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS
34 WITH EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE COUNSELING AND MENTORING
35 SERVICES TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

1 (F) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUPPLEMENT
2 PROFESSIONAL MENTORS WITH:

3 (1) POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS RECEIVING WORK-STUDY ASSISTANCE
4 AT MARYLAND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

5 (2) SECONDARY STUDENTS IN 11TH AND 12TH GRADES WHO ARE
6 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

7 (G) (1) ~~THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE FUNDS IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR~~
8 ~~THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM FUNDS~~
9 FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

10 (2) TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED, THE STATE SHALL
11 PROVIDE 50 PERCENT OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOCAL
12 ADMINISTRATION AND ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM,
13 EXCEPT THAT IN A COUNTY THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF A "QUALIFIED
14 DISTRESSED COUNTY" UNDER ARTICLE 83A, § 5-1501(A)(8) OF THE CODE THE STATE
15 SHALL PROVIDE 75 PERCENT OF THE COSTS.

16 (H) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS
17 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

18 18-304.

19 (a) (1) [The Administration] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 18-307 OF THIS
20 SUBTITLE, THE OFFICE shall determine the amount of each Educational Excellence
21 Award based on the financial need of the applicant.

22 (2) In determining the amount of financial need, the [Administration]
23 OFFICE shall consider regional cost-of-living differences.

24 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an
25 Educational Excellence Award may be awarded in \$100 increments and the award for
26 a single year may not be less than \$400 or more than \$3,000.

27 (2) (i) All applicants who fulfill the requirements established in §
28 18-303(b) and (c) of this subtitle shall receive a Guaranteed Access Grant.

29 (ii) The amount of a Guaranteed Access Grant shall be equal to 100
30 percent of the student's financial need as determined by the [State Scholarship
31 Administration] OFFICE, not to exceed the equivalent annual expenses of a full-time
32 resident undergraduate at the University of Maryland, College Park.

33 18-305.

34 (a) An Educational Excellence Award may be used:

35 (1) At a degree granting institution of higher education, an eligible
36 institution with an associate degree program that provides transfer credit for an

1 accredited baccalaureate program, or a hospital diploma school for training registered
2 nurses if the curriculum is approved by the Commission; and

3 (2) For educational expenses as defined by the Commission, including:

4 (i) Tuition and fees; and

5 (ii) Room and board.

6 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, an Educational
7 Excellence Award may be used at a school in another state if:

8 (1) There is a reciprocal agreement as provided in § 18-308 of this
9 subtitle; and

10 (2) The school meets requirements of subsection (a)(1) of this section.

11 (c) The [Administration] OFFICE may not award more than 10% of the funds
12 available for each of the types of grants awarded under this subtitle for use by
13 students attending schools in another state.

14 18-306.

15 (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, each recipient of
16 an Educational Excellence Award may hold the award for 5 years if the recipient:

17 (1) Continues to be a resident of this State;

18 (2) Continues to be a full-time student at an eligible institution and
19 takes at least 12 semester hours of courses each semester, or its equivalent as
20 determined by the [Administration] OFFICE;

21 (3) In the judgment of the institution, is making satisfactory progress
22 toward a degree; and

23 (4) Maintains the standards of the institution.

24 (b) Each recipient of an Educational Excellence Award who is enrolled in an
25 associate degree program as permitted in § 18-303(b)(1) of this subtitle may hold the
26 award for 3 years if the same conditions of subsection (a) of this section are met.

27 (c) Each recipient of an Educational Excellence Award may hold the award for
28 a 5th year if the recipient:

29 (1) Is enrolled in an academic program that, as determined by the
30 institution, requires 5 years to complete; or

31 (2) Provides evidence, satisfactory to the [State Scholarship
32 Administration] OFFICE, of extenuating financial, academic, or other circumstances
33 that prevent the recipient from completing the academic program in 4 years.

1 (d) In addition to the requirements for renewal of an Educational Excellence
2 Award under subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, a recipient of a Guaranteed
3 Access Grant shall hold the grant for not more than 5 consecutive years or, failing to
4 do so, provide evidence satisfactory to the [State Scholarship Administration]
5 OFFICE of extenuating circumstances.

6 18-307.

7 (a) [The Administration] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS
8 SECTION, THE OFFICE shall compile and certify lists for the entire State that rank
9 applicants by financial need.

10 (b) All funds for annual initial grants shall be awarded from the statewide list
11 on the basis of greatest financial need.

12 (c) On or before May 1 of each year, the Administration shall send each
13 Senator and each Delegate a list of individuals in each legislative district to whom
14 Educational Excellence Awards are awarded.

15 (D) (1) IF STATE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE, INSTITUTIONS
16 OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE MAY PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
17 AWARDS TO STUDENTS WHO OTHERWISE MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING
18 AN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD BUT WHO APPLY AFTER THE MARCH 1
19 DEADLINE OR HAVE OTHER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

20 (2) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

21 (I) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARDING OF
22 EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS BY THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
23 TO THE STUDENTS; AND

24 (II) ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
25 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

26 (3) (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL ALLOCATE AVAILABLE FUNDS TO
27 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION BASED ON THE PROPORTION OF STATE
28 RESIDENTS ENROLLED AT EACH INSTITUTION WHO RECEIVE FEDERAL PELL
29 GRANTS.

30 (II) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT RECEIVES
31 FUNDS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH AN
32 ANNUAL AUDIT DESCRIBING THE DISPOSITION OF THE FUNDS.

33 SUBTITLE 26. MARYLAND GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

34 18-2601.

35 (A) IN COOPERATION WITH THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN
36 THE STATE, THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A GRADUATE
37 AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1 TO FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDENTS IN THE FIELDS OF MEDICINE, DENTISTRY,
2 LAW, PHARMACY, NURSING, SOCIAL WORK, AND VETERINARY MEDICINE.

3 (B) A RECIPIENT OF A GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SHALL:

4 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

5 (2) DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED ACCORDING TO CRITERIA
6 ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION; AND

7 (3) ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

8 (I) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF:

9 1. MEDICINE;

10 2. DENTISTRY;

11 3. LAW; ~~OR~~

12 4. PHARMACY; OR

13 5. SOCIAL WORK;

14 (II) THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW;

15 (III) THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE;

16 (IV) VIRGINIA-MARYLAND REGIONAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY
17 MEDICINE; OR

18 (V) ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE
19 OFFERING A MASTER'S DEGREE IN NURSING.

20 (C) A GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR A SINGLE
21 SCHOOL YEAR MAY NOT BE LESS THAN \$1,000 OR MORE THAN \$5,000.

22 (D) A RECIPIENT MAY NOT RECEIVE AN AWARD FOR LONGER THAN 8
23 SEMESTERS.

24 (E) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ALLOCATE GRANTS FOR THE PROGRAM TO
25 THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B)(3) OF THIS
26 SECTION BASED ON THE PROPORTION OF STATE RESIDENTS ENROLLED IN ELIGIBLE
27 PROGRAMS AT EACH INSTITUTION.

28 (2) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT RECEIVES A GRANT
29 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH AN ANNUAL AUDIT
30 DESCRIBING THE DISPOSITION OF THE FUNDS.

31 (F) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

1 (1) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARDING OF GRADUATE AND
 2 PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO
 3 THE STUDENTS; AND

4 (2) ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
 5 THIS SECTION.

6 (G) FUNDS FOR THE MARYLAND GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM
 7 SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET AND AS SET FORTH IN § 13-613 OF
 8 THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

9 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:~~

10 (a) ~~The State Department of Education shall review current pay for teachers~~
 11 ~~and school administrators and make recommendations regarding:~~

12 (1) ~~implementation of a differential pay scale for teachers and school~~
 13 ~~administrators;~~

14 (2) ~~optional 12-month contracts for teachers and school administrators;~~

15 (3) ~~Maryland's financial incentives in relation to the financial incentives~~
 16 ~~offered in other states; and~~

17 (4) ~~targeting financial incentives to the recruitment and retention of~~
 18 ~~teachers and school administrators.~~

19 (b) ~~The State Department of Education shall provide a final report of its~~
 20 ~~findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of~~
 21 ~~the State Government Article, to the General Assembly by January 1, 2003.~~

22 ~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the~~
 23 ~~General Assembly that the Governor shall include in the State budget for fiscal year~~
 24 ~~2003 an appropriation of at least \$2,730,000 for the Maryland Professional~~
 25 ~~Development Program in § 6-801 of the Education Article as enacted in this Act.~~

26 ~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the~~
 27 ~~General Assembly that the Governor shall include in the State budget for fiscal year~~
 28 ~~2003 an appropriation of at least \$476,000 for the administration of the Preliminary~~
 29 ~~Scholastic Aptitude Test to every 10th grade student in the State.~~

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
 31 General Assembly that the Governor shall include in the State budget for fiscal year
 32 2003 an appropriation in an amount sufficient to fund the provisions of § 7-203.1 of
 33 the Education Article, as enacted by this Act, for the administration of the Preliminary
 34 Scholastic Aptitude Test to 10th grade students in the State. The Governor shall
 35 include an appropriation in the State budget for the fiscal year 2004 and each
 36 subsequent fiscal year in an amount sufficient to fund the provisions of § 7-203.1 of
 37 the Education Article, as enacted by this Act.

1 SECTION ~~5. 2. 3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
2 General Assembly that:

3 (a) The K-16 Leadership Council shall be formalized through a Memorandum
4 of Understanding signed by the State Superintendent of Schools, the Secretary of
5 Higher Education, the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, and private
6 colleges and universities.

7 (b) ~~If funding is provided in the State budget, the~~ The K-16 Leadership
8 Council shall ~~establish~~ study and plan for the establishment of the K-16 Research
9 and Development Institute and the Maryland Clearinghouse for Educational
10 Statistics.

11 SECTION ~~6. 3. 4.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
12 General Assembly that the State Department of Education develop, in conjunction
13 with the Professional Standards in Teaching Education Board, a certificate for middle
14 school teachers.

15 SECTION ~~7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the~~
16 ~~General Assembly that the Governor include sufficient funds in the State budget of~~
17 ~~the Maryland Higher Education Commission to provide awards to all students~~
18 ~~eligible for need-based programs under §§ 18-301, 18-706(d), 18-1401, 18-1501, and~~
19 ~~18-2601 of the Education Article and § 13-613(d)(1) of the Transportation Article.~~

20 SECTION ~~8. 4. 5.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
21 General Assembly that:

22 (a) The College Readiness Outreach Program established in § 18-303.1 of the
23 Education Article in this Act be implemented over a 5-year period beginning in fiscal
24 ~~2003~~ 2004, to the extent that funds are available;

25 (b) ~~The Governor shall include an appropriation of at least \$1.2 million in the~~
26 ~~State budget in fiscal 2003 for the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the~~
27 ~~State Department of Education for a pilot of the College Readiness Outreach Program~~
28 ~~for up to 1,000 students in Allegany, Prince George's, and Wicomico counties and~~
29 ~~Baltimore City; and~~

30 (b) In the first year of implementation, to the extent that funds are available,
31 the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the State Department of Education
32 shall implement the College Readiness Outreach Program for up to 1,000 students in
33 Allegany, Prince George's, and Wicomico counties and Baltimore City;

34 (c) As funds are provided in the State budget, additional counties shall be
35 added to the College Readiness Outreach Program until students from all counties in
36 Maryland are participating in the Program; and

37 (d) On or before July 1, 2007, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in
38 consultation with the State Department of Education, shall;

1 (1) Complete a performance evaluation of the College Readiness
2 Outreach Program that shall evaluate both the outcomes and the effectiveness of the
3 Program; and

4 (2) Report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the
5 State Government Article, on the performance evaluation and any recommendations
6 for increasing the effectiveness of the Program.

7 ~~SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the~~
8 ~~General Assembly that the Governor include \$3 million in the State budget in fiscal~~
9 ~~2003 to implement Education Excellence Awards to be made by institutions of higher~~
10 ~~education in the State established under § 18-307(d) of the Education Article.~~

11 ~~SECTION 10. § 6.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any reference in
12 the Annotated Code rendered obsolete by this Act shall be corrected by the publisher
13 of the Annotated Code, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the
14 Department of Legislative Services, with no further action required by the General
15 Assembly. The publisher of the Annotated Code shall adequately describe any such
16 correction in an editor's note following the section affected.

17 ~~SECTION 11. § 7.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
18 effect July 1, 2002.