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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 Governor to include a certain amount of funds in the budget for~~
13 ~~certain need-based programs; providing for students to qualify in a certain~~
14 ~~grade for a Guaranteed Access Grant; requiring certain students to agree to~~
15 ~~certain conditions in order to receive a Guaranteed Access Grant in certain~~
16 ~~years; establishing the College Readiness Outreach Program in the Maryland~~
17 ~~Higher Education Commission and the State Department of Education;~~
18 ~~providing that the College Readiness Outreach Program will provide certain~~
19 ~~assistance to certain students; providing certain State funding for the College~~
20 ~~Readiness Outreach Program; providing for certain institutions of higher~~
21 ~~education to make Education Excellence Awards to certain students in certain~~
22 ~~circumstances; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to~~
23 ~~establish certain guidelines and adopt certain regulations for certain awards by~~
24 ~~certain institutions of higher education; requiring certain institutions of higher~~
25 ~~education to provide an audit describing the disposition of certain funds;~~
26 ~~providing for the allocation of funds to certain institutions of higher education~~

1 by the Maryland Higher Education Commission; establishing the Maryland
 2 Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program for certain students at certain
 3 institutions of higher education; establishing certain eligibility standards for the
 4 Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program; providing for
 5 certain scholarship amounts; providing certain funding for the Maryland
 6 Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program; requiring the Maryland
 7 Higher Education Commission to establish certain guidelines and adopt certain
 8 regulations for the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program;
 9 requiring certain institutions of higher education to provide an audit describing
 10 the disposition of certain funds; ~~requiring the Department to review current pay~~
 11 ~~for teachers and school administrators and make certain recommendations;~~
 12 ~~requiring the Department to submit a certain report to the Governor and~~
 13 ~~General Assembly by a certain date; declaring the intent of the General~~
 14 ~~Assembly that the Governor shall include a certain amount in a certain State~~
 15 ~~budget for the Maryland Professional Development Program; declaring the~~
 16 ~~intent of the General Assembly that the Governor shall include a certain amount~~
 17 ~~in a certain State budget for the administration of the Preliminary Scholastic~~
 18 ~~Aptitude Test; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the K-16~~
 19 ~~Leadership Council be formalized through a certain memorandum of~~
 20 ~~understanding, that establishment of a K-16 Research and Development~~
 21 ~~Institute and Maryland Clearinghouse for Educational Statistics be established~~
 22 ~~studied; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the Department~~
 23 ~~develop, in conjunction with the Professional Standards in Teaching Education~~
 24 ~~Program, a certificate for middle school teachers; declaring the intent of the~~
 25 ~~General Assembly that the Governor include certain funds in the budget for~~
 26 ~~certain need-based programs; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that~~
 27 ~~the College Readiness Outreach Program be implemented over a certain number~~
 28 ~~of years; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor shall~~
 29 ~~include a certain amount in a certain State budget for a certain pilot of the~~
 30 ~~College Readiness Outreach Program; declaring the intent of the General~~
 31 ~~Assembly that additional counties be added to the College Readiness Outreach~~
 32 ~~Program as funds are provided in the budget; declaring the intent of the General~~
 33 ~~Assembly that the Governor include certain funds in a certain State budget for~~
 34 ~~certain awards requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in~~
 35 ~~consultation with the State Department of Education, on or before a certain~~
 36 ~~date, to complete a certain evaluation of the College Readiness Outreach~~
 37 ~~Program and submit a certain report to the General Assembly; providing for~~
 38 ~~future corrections to certain obsolete references by the publisher of the~~
 39 ~~Annotated Code; and generally relating to college readiness for students in~~
 40 Maryland.

41 BY adding to
 42 Article - Education
 43 Section ~~6-801 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Professional~~
 44 ~~Development"; 7-203.1, 18-303(d), and and 18-303.1; and 18-2601 to be~~
 45 ~~under the new subtitle "Subtitle 26. Maryland Graduate and Professional~~
 46 ~~Scholarship Program"~~
 47 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (2001 Replacement Volume)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

3 Article - Education

4 Section 18-101, 18-107(a), 18-201 through 18-204, 18-303(b) and (c), and

5 18-304 through 18-307

6 Annotated Code of Maryland

7 (2001 Replacement Volume)

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

9 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

10 **Article - Education**

11 ~~SUBTITLE 8. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.~~

12 ~~6-801.~~

13 ~~(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE~~
14 ~~DEPARTMENT.~~

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

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

20 ~~(2) TEACH HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELORS TO DIAGNOSTICALLY~~
21 ~~INTERPRET THE RESULTS OF THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST AND~~
22 ~~TO USE THE RESULTS TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN PREPARING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION~~
23 ~~PROGRAMS; AND~~

24 ~~(3) PROMOTE THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE~~
25 ~~STATE.~~

26 ~~(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO COUNTIES FOR THE~~
27 ~~ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS~~
28 ~~EACH YEAR FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS, PRINCIPALS,~~
29 ~~AND GUIDANCE COUNSELORS IN THE STATE.~~

30 ~~(D) THE PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE:~~

31 ~~(1) INDUCTION AND MENTORING OF NEW TEACHERS;~~

32 ~~(2) INSTRUCTION ON TECHNIQUES FOR TEACHING DISADVANTAGED~~
33 ~~AND CAPABLE STUDENTS;~~

1 ~~(3) EXAMINATION OF A REDUCED WORKLOAD FOR FIRST YEAR~~
2 ~~TEACHERS; AND~~

3 ~~(4) SUMMER WORKSHOPS.~~

4 ~~(E) FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL~~
5 ~~BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT.~~

6 ~~7-203.1.~~

7 ~~(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO EACH COUNTY FOR~~
8 ~~THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST TO 10TH~~
9 ~~GRADE STUDENTS.~~

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

13 18-101.

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

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

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

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

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

19 18-107.

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

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

26 18-201.

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

29 18-202.

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

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

4 18-203.

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

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

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

12 18-204.

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

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

17 (1) Administer the scholarship and tuition assistance programs under
18 this title;

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

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

22 (4) Conduct conferences and interviews with applicants to evaluate their
23 eligibility.

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

26 (d) The [Administration] OFFICE:

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

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

32 (e) The [Administration] OFFICE shall:

33 (1) Arrange for the competitive examination required of applicants for
34 certain scholarships; and

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

3 (f) The [Administration] OFFICE shall:

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

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

8 18-303.

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

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

15 (2) Be a resident of this State;

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (4) Have successfully completed a college preparatory program in high
30 school;

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

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

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

1 (D) A STUDENT IN GRADE 9 OR GRADE 10 WHO APPLIES AND QUALIFIES FOR A
2 GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT AWARD ON THE BASIS OF FINANCIAL NEED AS
3 ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL PREQUALIFY FOR A GUARANTEED
4 ACCESS AWARD TO BE USED AT THE TIME OF ENROLLMENT IN AN INSTITUTION OF
5 HIGHER EDUCATION BY AGREEING IN WRITING, AS A SECONDARY AND
6 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT, TO:

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

8 (2) REFRAIN FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE;

9 (3) PROVIDE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION OR THE
10 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

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

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

18 (6) SATISFY ANY OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS SET BY THE OFFICE,
19 THE COMMISSION, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT
20 OF EDUCATION.

21 18-303.1.

22 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE COLLEGE READINESS
23 OUTREACH PROGRAM.

24 (B) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH
25 COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS
26 OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SHALL JOINTLY ADMINISTER THE COLLEGE READINESS
27 OUTREACH PROGRAM.

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

31 (1) COMPLETING A COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM;

32 (2) GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL; AND

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

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

1 (2) THE STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL COORDINATORS SHALL:

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

5 (II) PUBLICIZE THE PROGRAM THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH
6 AND MARKETING MATERIALS.

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

10 (F) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUPPLEMENT
11 PROFESSIONAL MENTORS WITH:

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

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

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

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

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

27 18-304.

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

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

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

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

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

7 18-305.

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

9 (1) At a degree granting institution of higher education, an eligible
10 institution with an associate degree program that provides transfer credit for an
11 accredited baccalaureate program, or a hospital diploma school for training registered
12 nurses if the curriculum is approved by the Commission; and

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

14 (i) Tuition and fees; and

15 (ii) Room and board.

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

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

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

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

24 18-306.

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

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

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

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

33 (4) Maintains the standards of the institution.

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

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

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

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

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

16 18-307.

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

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

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

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

30 (2) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

31 (I) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARDING OF
32 EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS BY THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
33 TO THE STUDENTS; AND

34 (II) ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
35 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

36 (3) (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL ALLOCATE AVAILABLE FUNDS TO
37 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION BASED ON THE PROPORTION OF STATE

1 RESIDENTS ENROLLED AT EACH INSTITUTION WHO RECEIVE FEDERAL PELL
2 GRANTS.

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

6 SUBTITLE 26. MARYLAND GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

7 18-2601.

8 (A) IN COOPERATION WITH THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN
9 THE STATE, THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A GRADUATE
10 AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
11 TO FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDENTS IN THE FIELDS OF MEDICINE, DENTISTRY,
12 LAW, PHARMACY, NURSING, SOCIAL WORK, AND VETERINARY MEDICINE.

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

14 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

15 (2) DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED ACCORDING TO CRITERIA
16 ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION; AND

17 (3) ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

18 (I) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF:

19 1. MEDICINE;

20 2. DENTISTRY;

21 3. LAW; ~~OR~~

22 4. PHARMACY; OR

23 5. SOCIAL WORK;

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

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

26 (IV) VIRGINIA-MARYLAND REGIONAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY
27 MEDICINE; OR

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

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

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

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

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

10 (F) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

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

14 (2) ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
15 THIS SECTION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 ~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
33 General Assembly that the Governor shall include in the State budget for fiscal year
34 2003 an appropriation of at least \$2,730,000 for the Maryland Professional
35 Development Program in § 6-801 of the Education Article as enacted in this Act.~~

1 ~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the~~
2 ~~General Assembly that the Governor shall include in the State budget for fiscal year~~
3 ~~2003 an appropriation of at least \$476,000 for the administration of the Preliminary~~
4 ~~Scholastic Aptitude Test to every 10th grade student in the State.~~

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

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

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

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

19 SECTION ~~7.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
20 General Assembly that the Governor include sufficient funds in the State budget of
21 ~~the Maryland Higher Education Commission to provide awards to all students~~
22 ~~eligible for need-based programs under §§ 18-301, 18-706(d), 18-1401, 18-1501, and~~
23 ~~18-2601 of the Education Article and § 13-613(d)(1) of the Transportation Article.~~

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

26 (a) The College Readiness Outreach Program established in § 18-303.1 of the
27 Education Article in this Act be implemented over a 5-year period beginning in fiscal
28 ~~2003~~ 2004;

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

34 (b) In the first year of implementation, the Maryland Higher Education
35 Commission and the State Department of Education shall implement the College
36 Readiness Outreach Program for up to 1,000 students in Allegany, Prince George's,
37 and Wicomico counties and Baltimore City;

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

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

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

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

9 ~~SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the~~
10 ~~General Assembly that the Governor include \$3 million in the State budget in fiscal~~
11 ~~2003 to implement Education Excellence Awards to be made by institutions of higher~~
12 ~~education in the State established under § 18-307(d) of the Education Article.~~

13 ~~SECTION 40. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any reference in the~~
14 ~~Annotated Code rendered obsolete by this Act shall be corrected by the publisher of~~
15 ~~the Annotated Code, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the~~
16 ~~Department of Legislative Services, with no further action required by the General~~
17 ~~Assembly. The publisher of the Annotated Code shall adequately describe any such~~
18 ~~correction in an editor's note following the section affected.~~

19 ~~SECTION 44. 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take~~
20 ~~effect July 1, 2002.~~