
By: **Delegate Heller**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Community Colleges - State Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing certain State funding for certain community colleges in
4 a certain fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter; and generally relating to
5 State funding for community colleges.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Education
8 Section 16-305(c) and 16-512(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Education**

14 16-305.

15 (c) (1) The total State operating fund per full-time equivalent student to the
16 community colleges for each fiscal year as requested by the Governor shall be:

17 (i) In each of fiscal years 2003 and 2004, not less than an amount
18 equal to 23.1% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent
19 student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as
20 designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A.
21 Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the previous fiscal year; AND

22 (ii) [In fiscal year 2005, not less than an amount equal to 24% of
23 the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the
24 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the
25 Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under
26 Title 17 of this article in the previous fiscal year; and

27 (iii) In fiscal year [2006] 2005 and each fiscal year thereafter, not
28 less than an amount equal to 25% of the State's General Fund appropriation per

1 full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in
2 the State, as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the
3 Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the previous fiscal year.

4 (2) The State share shall be distributed to each board and shall be
5 limited by the provisions of subsection (d) of this section.

6 (3) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, the total State share for each
7 board shall be the sum of:

8 (i) The fixed costs component;

9 (ii) The marginal costs component;

10 (iii) The size factor component; and

11 (iv) A hold harmless component.

12 (4) (i) The funds available for the fixed costs component shall be a set
13 percentage of the year's total State operating fund as follows:

14 1. For fiscal year 1998, 36% of total funding;

15 2. For fiscal year 1999, 37% of total funding; and

16 3. For fiscal year 2000 and each fiscal year thereafter, 38% of
17 total funding.

18 (ii) The funds available for the fixed costs component shall be
19 divided and distributed to the community colleges in the same proportion in which
20 the direct grants were distributed in the prior fiscal year.

21 (5) (i) For each board, the marginal costs component shall be the
22 product of the dollar amount per full-time equivalent student multiplied by the
23 number of full-time equivalent students at the board's community college or colleges.

24 (ii) The dollar amount per full-time equivalent student shall be
25 calculated by dividing 60% of the total State operating fund for the fiscal year by the
26 total number of full-time equivalent students at community colleges statewide.

27 (iii) In determining the marginal costs component for a board, the
28 number of full-time equivalent students at all campuses and colleges operated by the
29 board shall be added together.

30 (6) (i) The size factor component shall be a set percentage of the year's
31 total State operating fund as follows:

32 1. For fiscal year 1998, 4% of total funding;

33 2. For fiscal year 1999, 3% of total funding; and

1 as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A.
2 Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the previous fiscal year.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
4 effect July 1, 2003.