

**ENROLLED BILL**

-- *Ways and Means/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* --

Introduced by **Delegates Kaiser, Aumann, Bartlett, Bozman, Gilleland, Goldwater, Heller, Jones, King, Madaleno, McKee, Pendergrass, Proctor, Ross, Shewell, Smigiel, Sophocleus, and ~~Stocksdale~~ Stocksdale, F. Turner, Boschert, Cardin, Cryor, C. Davis, Elmore, Goodwin, Gordon, Healey, Hixson, Howard, Marriott, Myers, Patterson, and Ramirez**

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

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grants**

3 FOR the purpose of consolidating certain workforce shortage and economic  
4 development student scholarship and grant programs in the Maryland Higher  
5 Education Commission into the new Workforce Shortage Student Assistance  
6 Grant program; providing for the purpose of the program; requiring the  
7 Commission and the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Commission  
8 to administer the program; establishing eligibility criteria for grant awards and  
9 award amounts under the program; authorizing grants to be used for certain  
10 purposes; requiring the Commission during a certain time period to identify and  
11 designate certain workforce shortage fields as eligible under the program;  
12 requiring the Secretary of Higher Education to appoint an Advisory Council on  
13 Workforce Shortage; providing for the membership of the Advisory Council;

1 requiring the Advisory Council to carry out certain duties; providing for certain  
2 workforce shortage fields to be included in the grant program under certain  
3 circumstances; requiring a certain service obligation as a condition of receiving  
4 certain grants; authorizing the Office to defer a service obligation under certain  
5 circumstances; requiring the Commission to confer with a certain council when  
6 making certain grant awards; establishing the Workforce Shortage Student  
7 Grant Fund in the Commission; directing the Commission to use certain gifts  
8 and grants for the Fund in a certain manner; requiring the Commission to  
9 prepare a certain annual report regarding the Fund; requiring the Commission  
10 to adopt certain guidelines or regulations; prohibiting the Commission from  
11 awarding certain scholarships and grants after a certain date; defining certain  
12 terms; repealing certain workforce shortage and economic development student  
13 assistance programs in the Commission; providing for the application of this Act;  
14 providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and  
15 generally relating to the consolidation of certain workforce shortage and  
16 economic development student scholarship and grant programs.

17 BY repealing

18 Article - Education

19 Section ~~18-603~~, 18-701 through 18-707, inclusive; 18-1102(d); 18-2101 through

20 18-2108, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 21. Developmental

21 Disabilities and Mental Health Workforce Tuition Assistance Program";

22 and 18-2701 through 18-2707, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 27.

23 William Donald Schaefer Scholarship Program"

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

26 BY adding to

27 Article - Education

28 Section 18-708

29 Annotated Code of Maryland

30 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

32 MARYLAND, That Section(s) ~~18-603~~, 18-701 through 18-707, inclusive, 18-1102(d);

33 18-2101 through 18-2108, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 21. Developmental

34 Disabilities and Mental Health Workforce Tuition Assistance Program"; and 18-2701

35 through 18-2707, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 27. William Donald Schaefer

36 Scholarship Program" of Article - Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be

37 repealed.

38 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland

39 read as follows:

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**Article - Education**

2 18-708.

3 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
4 INDICATED.

5 (2) "ADVISORY COUNCIL" MEANS THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON  
6 WORKFORCE SHORTAGE.

7 (3) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION  
8 OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE THAT POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF  
9 APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION.

10 (4) "GRANT" MEANS THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE  
11 GRANT.

12 (B) THERE IS A PROGRAM OF WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE  
13 GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION FOR STUDENTS WHO PLEDGE TO WORK IN FIELDS OF  
14 CRITICAL SHORTAGE IN THE STATE ON COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES.

15 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

16 (1) PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS ENROLLED AT  
17 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE; AND

18 (2) ADDRESS THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE NEEDS OF THE STATE.

19 (D) A RECIPIENT OF A WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANT  
20 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:

21 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

22 (2) BE SELECTED BY THE OFFICE FROM QUALIFIED APPLICANTS;

23 (3) SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO ENROLL AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION  
24 IN THE STATE IN AN ELIGIBLE PROGRAM AS SPECIFIED FOR EACH FIELD IN WHICH  
25 THERE IS A CRITICAL SHORTAGE IN THIS STATE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION;

26 (4) SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION  
27 ON COMPLETION OF THE RECIPIENT'S REQUIRED STUDIES;

28 (5) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE GRANT;

29 (6) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY  
30 ESTABLISH; AND

31 (7) AFTER COMPLETION OF STUDIES IN AN ELIGIBLE PROGRAM,  
32 PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION AS SPECIFIED FOR EACH FIELD IN WHICH  
33 THERE IS A CRITICAL SHORTAGE, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

1 (E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE  
2 COMMISSION SHALL ON A BIENNIAL BASIS:

3 (I) IDENTIFY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS IN THE STATE;

4 (II) DESIGNATE ELIGIBLE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS UNDER  
5 THE GRANT PROGRAM; AND

6 (III) REMOVE FROM THE GRANT PROGRAM ANY FIELD THAT THE  
7 COMMISSION DETERMINES NO LONGER QUALIFIES AS A WORKFORCE SHORTAGE.

8 (2) THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON  
9 WORKFORCE SHORTAGE TO:

10 (I) IDENTIFY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS IN THE STATE; AND

11 (II) RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSION:

12 1. PRIORITY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS TO BE  
13 INCLUDED IN THE GRANT PROGRAM; AND

14 2. THE REMOVAL OF FIELDS THAT IN THE ADVISORY  
15 COUNCIL'S JUDGMENT NO LONGER QUALIFY AS WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS.

16 (3) IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION, THE  
17 ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL CONSIDER WHETHER A WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELD  
18 PROVIDES A PUBLIC GOOD OR BENEFIT TO THE CITIZENS OF MARYLAND.

19 (4) THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING  
20 MEMBERS:

21 (I) THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR DESIGNEE;

22 (II) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION OR  
23 DESIGNEE;

24 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE  
25 INVESTMENT BOARD, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

26 (IV) THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
27 OR DESIGNEE;

28 (V) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE OR  
29 DESIGNEE;

30 (VI) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OR DESIGNEE;

31 (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND,  
32 APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

1 (VIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF  
2 DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

3 (IX) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF  
4 MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE CHANCELLOR;

5 (X) THE PRESIDENT OF MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY OR DESIGNEE;

6 (XI) THE PRESIDENT OF ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OR DESIGNEE; AND

7 (XII) REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED BY THE FOLLOWING  
8 ORGANIZATIONS AND APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION:

9 1. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND CHAMBER  
10 OF COMMERCE;

11 2. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE WASHINGTON BOARD  
12 OF TRADE;

13 3. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GREATER BALTIMORE  
14 COMMITTEE;

15 4. TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MARYLAND  
16 INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION;

17 5. TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MARYLAND  
18 ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES;

19 6. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND  
20 ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT ASSOCIATIONS; AND

21 7. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FINANCIAL  
22 ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTING A FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AT AN  
23 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

24 (5) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS  
25 PARAGRAPH, THE FOLLOWING WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS SHALL BE INCLUDED  
26 IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

27 1. ~~PUBLIC~~ SCHOOL TEACHERS (THE GRANT TO BE KNOWN AS  
28 THE SHARON CHRISTA MCAULIFFE MEMORIAL TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP);

29 2. NURSES;

30 3. CHILD CARE PROVIDERS;

31 4. DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, MENTAL HEALTH, CHILD  
32 WELFARE, AND JUVENILE JUSTICE PROVIDERS;

33 5. ~~FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE SQUAD MEMBERS;~~

1                                 ~~6.~~     5.     PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND  
2 ASSISTANTS; AND

3                                 ~~7.~~     6.     PUBLIC SERVANTS (THE GRANT TO BE KNOWN AS  
4 THE WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER SCHOLARSHIP).

5   (II)     THE COMMISSION MAY REMOVE A SHORTAGE FIELD SPECIFIED  
6 IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IF IN THE COMMISSION'S JUDGMENT THE  
7 FIELD NO LONGER QUALIFIES AS A WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELD.

8   (6)     A GRANT RECIPIENT IN A WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELD THAT IS  
9 REMOVED FROM THE GRANT PROGRAM MAY CONTINUE TO RECEIVE RENEWAL  
10 AWARDS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

11   (F)     EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE THE NUMBER  
12 OF GRANTS TO BE AWARDED IN ELIGIBLE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS BASED ON  
13 THE:

14   (1)     PRIORITY OF THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELD;

15   (2)     SEVERITY OF THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE IN THE FIELD; AND

16   (3)     AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

17   (G)     (1)     THE OFFICE SHALL ANNUALLY SELECT ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AND  
18 OFFER A GRANT TO EACH STUDENT SELECTED TO BE USED AT AN ELIGIBLE  
19 INSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT'S CHOICE.

20   (2)     ELIGIBLE STUDENTS SHALL BE SELECTED BASED ON ACADEMIC  
21 ACCOMPLISHMENT AND FINANCIAL NEED, AS DETERMINED BY STANDARDS  
22 ESTABLISHED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.

23   (3)     EACH GRANT SHALL BE RENEWABLE FOR A MAXIMUM OF 5 YEARS  
24 SUBSEQUENT TO THE ORIGINAL GRANT IF THE RECIPIENT:

25   (I)     CONTINUES TO MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS SPECIFIED IN  
26 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION; AND

27   (II)    MEETS SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS STANDARDS AS  
28 DETERMINED BY THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

29   (H)     (1)     A GRANT RECIPIENT MAY BE ENROLLED AT AN ELIGIBLE  
30 INSTITUTION ON A PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME BASIS.

31   (2)     EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A  
32 GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL BE AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AT AN ELIGIBLE  
33 INSTITUTION.

34   (3)     A GRANT RECIPIENT MAY BE A GRADUATE STUDENT IF THE OFFICE  
35 DETERMINES THAT THE SHORTAGE FIELD REQUIRES EMPLOYEES WITH A  
36 GRADUATE LEVEL EDUCATION.

1 (I) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "COST OF ATTENDANCE" MEANS THE  
2 EQUIVALENT ANNUAL TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES OF A RESIDENT  
3 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AT THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
4 EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE  
5 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND,  
6 BALTIMORE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT  
7 UNDERGRADUATE.

8 (2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION  
9 SHALL ESTABLISH IN GUIDELINES THE ANNUAL GRANT AWARDS UNDER THIS  
10 SECTION.

11 (3) ANNUAL GRANT AWARDS SHALL BE WITHIN THE FOLLOWING  
12 RANGES:

13 (I) FOR A PART-TIME STUDENT ATTENDING A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE  
14 INSTITUTION - \$1,000 AND 12.5% OF COST OF ATTENDANCE;

15 (II) FOR A FULL-TIME STUDENT ATTENDING A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE  
16 INSTITUTION - \$2,000 AND 25% OF COST OF ATTENDANCE;

17 (III) FOR A PART-TIME STUDENT ATTENDING A 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE  
18 INSTITUTION - \$2,000 AND 25% OF COST OF ATTENDANCE; AND

19 (IV) FOR A FULL-TIME STUDENT ATTENDING A 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE  
20 INSTITUTION - \$4,000 AND 50% OF COST OF ATTENDANCE.

21 (J) THE GRANT AWARD MAY BE USED AT ANY ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION FOR  
22 EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES AS DEFINED BY THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING TUITION,  
23 MANDATORY FEES, AND ROOM AND BOARD.

24 (K) (1) A GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL PERFORM A SERVICE OBLIGATION IN  
25 THE RECIPIENT'S FIELD OF CRITICAL SHORTAGE IN:

26 (I) A FULL-TIME POSITION AT A RATE OF 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR  
27 THAT THE RECIPIENT RECEIVES A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION; OR

28 (II) A PART-TIME POSITION AT A RATE OF 2 YEARS FOR EACH YEAR  
29 THAT THE RECIPIENT RECEIVES A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

30 (2) THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE SERVICE  
31 OBLIGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGNATED WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS TO  
32 ADDRESS STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL NEEDS.

33 (L) (1) A GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL REPAY THE COMMISSION THE FUNDS  
34 RECEIVED AS SET FORTH IN § 18-112 OF THIS TITLE IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

35 (I) COMPLETE THE SPECIFIED DEGREE, ATTAIN THE LICENSURE  
36 OR CERTIFICATION REQUIRED, OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN  
37 THIS SECTION; OR

1 (II) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER  
2 SUBSECTION (K) OF THIS SECTION.

3 (2) THE OFFICE SHALL WAIVE THE REPAYMENT OF A GRANT AWARD AT  
4 A RATE OF:

5 (I) 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT PERFORMS THE  
6 SERVICE OBLIGATION ON A FULL-TIME BASIS; OR

7 (II) 6 MONTHS FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT PERFORMS  
8 THE SERVICE OBLIGATION ON A PART-TIME BASIS.

9 (3) A RECIPIENT SHALL BEGIN REPAYMENT AT ANY TIME DURING THE  
10 PERIOD THAT THE RECIPIENT IS NO LONGER PERFORMING THE SERVICE  
11 OBLIGATION.

12 (4) A RECIPIENT MAY DELAY REPAYMENT AS LONG AS THE RECIPIENT  
13 REMAINS A STUDENT ENROLLED AT LEAST PART-TIME IN A DEGREE-GRANTING  
14 PROGRAM.

15 (5) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, REPAYMENT  
16 SHALL BE MADE TO THE STATE WITHIN 6 YEARS AFTER THE REPAYMENT PERIOD  
17 BEGINS AND SHALL FOLLOW A REPAYMENT SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED BY THE  
18 OFFICE.

19 (6) THE OFFICE MAY WAIVE OR DEFER REPAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF  
20 DISABILITY OR EXTENDED SICKNESS WHICH PREVENTS THE RECIPIENT FROM  
21 FULFILLING THE SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

22 (7) THE OFFICE SHALL GRANT A DEFERMENT FROM THE SERVICE  
23 OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION TO:

24 (I) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED MILITARY DUTY  
25 OUTSIDE THE STATE; OR

26 (II) THE SPOUSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED  
27 MILITARY DUTY OUTSIDE THE STATE.

28 (M) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO RECIPIENTS OF THE WILLIAM  
29 DONALD SCHAEFER SCHOLARSHIP SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (E)(5) OF THIS  
30 SECTION.

31 (2) THE COMMISSION, IN COLLABORATION AND CONSULTATION WITH  
32 THE WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL, SHALL  
33 ANNUALLY SELECT ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AND OFFER GRANTS TO STUDENTS WHO  
34 DEMONSTRATE OUTSTANDING POTENTIAL FOR AND WHO PLAN TO PURSUE A  
35 CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE.

36 (3) IN MAKING WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS  
37 UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ENDEAVOR TO SELECT AWARD



1 RECIPIENTS WHO ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE'S RICH CULTURAL,  
2 GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND GENDER DIVERSITY.

3 (4) EACH INDIVIDUAL AWARDED A WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER  
4 SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION MUST HAVE INDICATED AND DEMONSTRATED  
5 TO THE COMMISSION AND TO THE WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER SCHOLARSHIP  
6 ADVISORY COUNCIL A SERIOUS INTENT TO ENTER PUBLIC SERVICE ON THE  
7 COMPLETION OF THE STUDENT'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

8 (N) (1) THERE IS A WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANT  
9 FUND IN THE COMMISSION.

10 (2) THE COMMISSION:

11 (I) MAY ACCEPT ANY GIFT OR GRANT FROM ANY PERSON OR  
12 CORPORATION FOR THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANT  
13 FUND;

14 (II) SHALL USE ANY GIFT OR GRANT THAT IT RECEIVES FOR A  
15 GRANT AWARD FROM THE FUND; AND

16 (III) SHALL DEPOSIT ANY GIFT OR GRANT THAT IT RECEIVES FOR  
17 THE FUND WITH THE STATE TREASURER IN A NONBUDGETED ACCOUNT.

18 (3) (I) AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL  
19 PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT  
20 ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND THAT INCLUDES AN ACCOUNTING OF ALL FINANCIAL  
21 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES TO AND FROM THE FUND.

22 (II) THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF THE REPORT TO  
23 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS PROVIDED UNDER § 2-1246 OF THE STATE  
24 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

25 (O) A RECIPIENT MAY HOLD A WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE  
26 GRANT AND ANY OTHER STATE GRANT OR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED BY THE OFFICE  
27 PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL OF ALL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS DOES NOT EXCEED:

28 (1) THE STUDENT'S TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE, AS CERTIFIED BY  
29 THE INSTITUTION WHERE THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED; AND

30 (2) THE COST OF ATTENDANCE, AS DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (I) OF THIS  
31 SECTION.

32 (P) FUNDS FOR THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANT  
33 PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY  
34 THE GOVERNOR.

35 (Q) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT GUIDELINES OR REGULATIONS  
36 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Office of Student  
2 Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission may not award  
3 an initial scholarship or grant under the student financial assistance programs  
4 specified in Section 1 of this Act after June 30, 2007. The office may renew a  
5 scholarship or grant after June 30, 2007, if the individual received an initial  
6 scholarship or grant before that date.

7 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

8 (1) the Secretary of Higher Education shall appoint an Advisory Council  
9 on Workforce Shortage on or before September 1, 2006; and

10 (2) the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher  
11 Education Commission shall make initial awards under the Workforce Shortage  
12 Student Assistance Grant program established under § 18-708 of the Education  
13 Article in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.

14 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall  
15 take effect July 1, 2012.

16 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 5 of  
17 this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.