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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;  
 14 requiring the Advisory Council to carry out certain duties; providing for certain  
 15 workforce shortage fields to be included in the grant program under certain  
 16 circumstances; requiring a certain service obligation as a condition of receiving  
 17 certain grants; authorizing the Office to defer a service obligation under certain  
 18 circumstances; requiring the Commission to confer with a certain council when  
 19 making certain grant awards; establishing the Workforce Shortage Student  
 20 Grant Fund in the Commission; directing the Commission to use certain gifts  
 21 and grants for the Fund in a certain manner; requiring the Commission to  
 22 prepare a certain annual report regarding the Fund; requiring the Commission  
 23 to adopt certain guidelines or regulations; prohibiting the Commission from  
 24 awarding certain scholarships and grants after a certain date; defining certain

1 terms; repealing certain workforce shortage and economic development student  
2 assistance programs in the Commission; providing for the application of this Act;  
3 providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and  
4 generally relating to the consolidation of certain workforce shortage and  
5 economic development student scholarship and grant programs.

6 BY repealing

7 Article - Education

8 Section ~~18-603~~, 18-701 through 18-707, inclusive; 18-1102(d); 18-2101 through  
9 18-2108, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 21. Developmental  
10 Disabilities and Mental Health Workforce Tuition Assistance Program";  
11 and 18-2701 through 18-2707, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 27.  
12 William Donald Schaefer Scholarship Program"

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

15 BY adding to

16 Article - Education

17 Section 18-708

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
21 MARYLAND, That Section(s) ~~18-603~~, 18-701 through 18-707, inclusive, 18-1102(d);  
22 18-2101 through 18-2108, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 21. Developmental  
23 Disabilities and Mental Health Workforce Tuition Assistance Program"; and 18-2701  
24 through 18-2707, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 27. William Donald Schaefer  
25 Scholarship Program" of Article - Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be  
26 repealed.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
28 read as follows:

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#### **Article - Education**

30 18-708.

31 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
32 INDICATED.

33 (2) "ADVISORY COUNCIL" MEANS THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON  
34 WORKFORCE SHORTAGE.

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

1 (4) "GRANT" MEANS THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE  
2 GRANT.

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

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

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

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

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

12 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

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

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

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

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

20 (6) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY  
21 ESTABLISH; AND

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

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

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

28 (II) DESIGNATE ELIGIBLE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS UNDER  
29 THE GRANT PROGRAM; AND

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

32 (2) THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON  
33 WORKFORCE SHORTAGE TO:

- 1 (I) IDENTIFY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS IN THE STATE; AND
- 2 (II) RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSION:
- 3 1. PRIORITY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS TO BE  
4 INCLUDED IN THE GRANT PROGRAM; AND
- 5 2. THE REMOVAL OF FIELDS THAT IN THE ADVISORY  
6 COUNCIL'S JUDGMENT NO LONGER QUALIFY AS WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS.
- 7 (3) IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION, THE  
8 ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL CONSIDER WHETHER A WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELD  
9 PROVIDES A PUBLIC GOOD OR BENEFIT TO THE CITIZENS OF MARYLAND.
- 10 (4) THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING  
11 MEMBERS:
- 12 (I) THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR DESIGNEE;
- 13 (II) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION OR  
14 DESIGNEE;
- 15 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE  
16 INVESTMENT BOARD, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;
- 17 (IV) THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
18 OR DESIGNEE;
- 19 (V) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE OR  
20 DESIGNEE;
- 21 (VI) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OR DESIGNEE;
- 22 (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND,  
23 APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;
- 24 (VIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF  
25 DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;
- 26 (IX) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF  
27 MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE CHANCELLOR;
- 28 (X) THE PRESIDENT OF MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY OR DESIGNEE;
- 29 (XI) THE PRESIDENT OF ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OR DESIGNEE; AND
- 30 (XII) REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED BY THE FOLLOWING  
31 ORGANIZATIONS AND APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION:
- 32 1. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND CHAMBER  
33 OF COMMERCE;

1 2. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE WASHINGTON BOARD  
2 OF TRADE;

3 3. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GREATER BALTIMORE  
4 COMMITTEE;

5 4. TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MARYLAND  
6 INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION;

7 5. TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MARYLAND  
8 ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES;

9 6. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND  
10 ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT ASSOCIATIONS; AND

11 7. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FINANCIAL  
12 ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTING A FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AT AN  
13 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

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

19 2. NURSES;

20 3. CHILD CARE PROVIDERS;

21 4. DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, MENTAL HEALTH, CHILD  
22 WELFARE, AND JUVENILE JUSTICE PROVIDERS;

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

24 6. 5. PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND  
25 ASSISTANTS; AND

26 ~~7.~~ 6. PUBLIC SERVANTS (THE GRANT TO BE KNOWN AS  
27 THE WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER SCHOLARSHIP).

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

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

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

4 (1) PRIORITY OF THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELD;

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

6 (3) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

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

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

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

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

17 (II) MEETS SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS STANDARDS AS  
18 DETERMINED BY THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

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

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

24 (3) A GRANT RECIPIENT MAY BE A GRADUATE STUDENT IF THE OFFICE  
25 DETERMINES THAT THE SHORTAGE FIELD REQUIRES EMPLOYEES WITH A  
26 GRADUATE LEVEL EDUCATION.

27 (I) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "COST OF ATTENDANCE" MEANS THE  
28 EQUIVALENT ANNUAL TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES OF A RESIDENT  
29 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AT THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
30 EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE  
31 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND,  
32 BALTIMORE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT  
33 UNDERGRADUATE.

34 (2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION  
35 SHALL ESTABLISH IN GUIDELINES THE ANNUAL GRANT AWARDS UNDER THIS  
36 SECTION.

1 (3) ANNUAL GRANT AWARDS SHALL BE WITHIN THE FOLLOWING  
2 RANGES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (2) THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE SERVICE  
21 OBLIGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGNATED WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS TO  
22 ADDRESS STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL NEEDS.

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

25 (I) COMPLETE THE SPECIFIED DEGREE, ATTAIN THE LICENSURE  
26 OR CERTIFICATION REQUIRED, OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN  
27 THIS SECTION; OR

28 (II) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER  
29 SUBSECTION (K) OF THIS SECTION.

30 (2) THE OFFICE SHALL WAIVE THE REPAYMENT OF A GRANT AWARD AT  
31 A RATE OF:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20   (M)   (1)     THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO RECIPIENTS OF THE WILLIAM  
21 DONALD SCHAEFER SCHOLARSHIP SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (E)(5) OF THIS  
22 SECTION.

23           (2)     THE COMMISSION, IN COLLABORATION AND CONSULTATION WITH  
24 THE WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL, SHALL  
25 ANNUALLY SELECT ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AND OFFER GRANTS TO STUDENTS WHO  
26 DEMONSTRATE OUTSTANDING POTENTIAL FOR AND WHO PLAN TO PURSUE A  
27 CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE.

28           (3)     IN MAKING WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS  
29 UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ENDEAVOR TO SELECT AWARD  
30 RECIPIENTS WHO ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE'S RICH CULTURAL,  
31 GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND GENDER DIVERSITY.

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

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



1 (2) THE COMMISSION:

2 (I) MAY ACCEPT ANY GIFT OR GRANT FROM ANY PERSON OR  
3 CORPORATION FOR THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANT  
4 FUND;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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