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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Alcohol and Drug Workforce - Tuition Assistance**
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding a certain tuition assistance program to include certain
5 individuals who are certain employees of certain community-based programs
6 serving individuals with alcohol or drug dependency; and generally relating to
7 providing tuition assistance to the alcohol and drug workforce.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Education
10 Section 18-2101
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article - Education
15 Section 18-2102 and 18-2103
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Education**

21 18-2101.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (b) "Community-based program" means:

24 (1) Any community program licensed by the Developmental Disabilities
25 Administration or approved by the Mental Hygiene Administration to provide
26 habilitation, rehabilitation, residential, or related community support services to
27 individuals with developmental disabilities or mental disorders; [or]

1 (2) Any residential child care program licensed by the Department of
2 Human Resources, [or] the Department of Juvenile Services, OR A LOCAL
3 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; OR

4 (3) ANY PROGRAM CERTIFIED BY THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE
5 QUALITY TO PROVIDE ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT SERVICES.

6 (c) "Degree program in human services" means an academic major or
7 concentration in aging services, counseling, disability services, mental health,
8 nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychology, rehabilitation, social
9 work, special education, supported employment, vocational rehabilitation, or any
10 other concentration in the healing arts or to providing supportive services to
11 individuals with special needs.

12 (d) "Direct service employee" means:

13 (1) An employee of a community-based program who primarily provides:

14 (i) Direct support or care to individuals with disabilities; or

15 (ii) First-line supervision of employees providing direct support or
16 care to individuals with disabilities; [or]

17 (2) (i) An employee of a community-based program who provides
18 direct care and supervision of children who are in the custody of a local department of
19 social services or the Department of Juvenile Services; or

20 (ii) A first-line supervisor of employees who provide direct care and
21 supervision of children who are in the custody of a local department of social services
22 or the Department of Juvenile Services; OR

23 (3) AN EMPLOYEE OF A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM WHO PRIMARILY
24 PROVIDES:

25 (I) DIRECT SUPPORT OR CARE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
26 DEPENDENT ON ALCOHOL OR DRUGS AS DEFINED UNDER TITLE 8 OF THE HEALTH -
27 GENERAL ARTICLE; OR

28 (II) FIRST-LINE SUPERVISION OF EMPLOYEES PROVIDING DIRECT
29 SUPPORT OR CARE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH ALCOHOL OR DRUG DEPENDENCY.

30 (e) "Program" means the Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health, Child
31 Welfare, and Juvenile Services Workforce Tuition Assistance Program.

32 18-2102.

33 (a) There is a tuition assistance program under this subtitle for use by
34 students at institutions of higher education in the State who:

35 (1) Work as direct service employees in a community-based program; or

1 (2) Agree to work as direct service employees in a community-based
2 program in the future.

3 (b) The Commission may adopt regulations:

4 (1) Necessary to implement this subtitle; and

5 (2) To establish standards and procedures for selecting award recipients
6 under this subtitle.

7 18-2103.

8 An award granted under this subtitle may be used for:

9 (1) Tuition and mandatory fees;

10 (2) Room and board; and

11 (3) Books and supplies.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2006.