
By: **Delegate Heller**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Colleges - Supplemental Services and Supports for Students**
3 **with Disabilities - Grant Program**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to
5 establish and administer a grant program for supplemental services and
6 supports for students with disabilities in community colleges; providing for the
7 purpose of the grant program; requiring the Commission, in cooperation with
8 the Department of Disabilities, to establish a certain review process and adopt
9 certain guidelines or regulations; requiring the Governor to include a certain
10 appropriation of a certain amount in the State budget beginning in a certain
11 fiscal year and each subsequent fiscal year; and generally relating to a grant
12 program to provide supplemental services and supports for student with
13 disabilities in community colleges.

14 BY adding to

15 Article - Education

16 Section 16-319

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Education**

22 16-319.

23 (A) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A GRANT
24 PROGRAM FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS WITH
25 DISABILITIES IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

26 (B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A
27 GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE USED BY A COMMUNITY COLLEGE
28 TO FUND SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT HELP STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
29 SUCCEED IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

1 (2) A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE USED FOR
2 FUNDING THE SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL
3 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WITH RESPECT TO ACCESS TO FACILITIES FOR
4 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.

5 (C) THE COMMISSION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 DISABILITIES, SHALL:

7 (1) ESTABLISH A COMPETITIVE REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE AWARDING
8 OF GRANTS TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES; AND

9 (2) ADOPT ANY OTHER GUIDELINES OR REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR
10 THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SECTION.

11 (D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN
12 APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS
13 SECTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS ON JULY 1, 2007, AND EACH
14 SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 July 1, 2006.