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CHAPTER _____

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.

1 (A) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A GRANT
2 PROGRAM FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS WITH
3 DISABILITIES IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

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

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

12 ~~(C) (B)~~ THE COMMISSION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 DISABILITIES, SHALL:

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

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

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

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