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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
 25 terms; repealing certain workforce shortage and economic development student
 26 assistance programs in the Commission; providing for the application of this Act;
 27 providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and
 28 generally relating to the consolidation of certain workforce shortage and

1 economic development student scholarship and grant programs.

2 BY repealing

3 Article - Education

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

5 18-2108, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 21. Developmental

6 Disabilities and Mental Health Workforce Tuition Assistance Program";

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

8 William Donald Schaefer Scholarship Program"

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Education

13 Section 18-708

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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22 repealed.

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

25 **Article - Education**

26 18-708.

27 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
28 INDICATED.

29 (2) "ADVISORY COUNCIL" MEANS THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
30 WORKFORCE SHORTAGE.

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

34 (4) "GRANT" MEANS THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE
35 GRANT.

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

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

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

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

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

10 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

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

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

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

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

18 (6) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY
19 ESTABLISH; AND

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

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

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

26 (II) DESIGNATE ELIGIBLE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS UNDER
27 THE GRANT PROGRAM; AND

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

30 (2) THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
31 WORKFORCE SHORTAGE TO:

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

33 (II) RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSION:

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

1 3. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GREATER BALTIMORE
2 COMMITTEE;

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

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

7 6. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND
8 ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT ASSOCIATIONS; AND

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

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

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

17 2. NURSES;

18 3. CHILD CARE PROVIDERS;

19 4. DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, MENTAL HEALTH, CHILD
20 WELFARE, AND JUVENILE JUSTICE PROVIDERS;

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

22 ~~6. 5.~~ PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND
23 ASSISTANTS; AND

24 ~~7. 6.~~ PUBLIC SERVANTS (THE GRANT TO BE KNOWN AS THE
25 WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER SCHOLARSHIP).

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

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

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

35 (1) PRIORITY OF THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELD;

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

2 (3) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

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

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

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

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

13 (II) MEETS SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS STANDARDS AS
14 DETERMINED BY THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

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

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

20 (3) A GRANT RECIPIENT MAY BE A GRADUATE STUDENT IF THE OFFICE
21 DETERMINES THAT THE SHORTAGE FIELD REQUIRES EMPLOYEES WITH A
22 GRADUATE LEVEL EDUCATION.

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

30 (2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION
31 SHALL ESTABLISH IN GUIDELINES THE ANNUAL GRANT AWARDS UNDER THIS
32 SECTION.

33 (3) ANNUAL GRANT AWARDS SHALL BE WITHIN THE FOLLOWING
34 RANGES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (2) THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE SERVICE
17 OBLIGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGNATED WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS TO
18 ADDRESS STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL NEEDS.

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

21 (I) COMPLETE THE SPECIFIED DEGREE, ATTAIN THE LICENSURE
22 OR CERTIFICATION REQUIRED, OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN
23 THIS SECTION; OR

24 (II) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER
25 SUBSECTION (K) OF THIS SECTION.

26 (2) THE OFFICE SHALL WAIVE THE REPAYMENT OF A GRANT AWARD AT
27 A RATE OF:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (M) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO RECIPIENTS OF THE WILLIAM
18 DONALD SCHAEFER SCHOLARSHIP SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (E)(5) OF THIS
19 SECTION.

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

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

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

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

36 (2) THE COMMISSION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (2) the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher
37 Education Commission shall make initial awards under the Workforce Shortage

1 Student Assistance Grant program established under § 18-708 of the Education
2 Article in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.

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

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