

HOUSE BILL 1421

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By: **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request - Departmental - Baltimore City Community College)**

Rules suspended

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City Community College - English for Speakers of Other**
3 **Languages Grant**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum amount of grants that may be used to
5 provide instruction and services to students enrolled in an English for Speakers
6 of Other Languages program at Baltimore City Community College.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Education
9 Section 16-508
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article - Education**

15 16-508.

16 (a) (1) Beginning with fiscal year 1996, the Governor shall include in the
17 annual budget submission a General Fund appropriation for Baltimore City
18 Community College in the amount provided in subsection (b) of this section to provide

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 instruction and services to students enrolled in an English for Speakers of Other
2 Languages (“ESOL”) program.

3 (2) To qualify for a grant under this section, each participant in the
4 program shall be a student:

5 (i) Born outside of the United States or whose native language
6 is not English;

7 (ii) Who comes from an environment where a language other
8 than English is dominant; or

9 (iii) Who is an American Indian or Alaskan native and comes
10 from an environment where a language other than English has had a significant
11 impact on the student’s level of English language proficiency.

12 (b) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, the
13 amount of the grant shall be \$800 times the number of qualified full-time equivalent
14 students who are enrolled in a Baltimore City Community College ESOL program, as
15 certified by the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

16 (2) The total amount of the grant under this subsection may not
17 exceed [\$500,000] **\$1,000,000** for any fiscal year.

18 (c) Baltimore City Community College may not transfer State funds received
19 under this subsection to any other program or category.

20 (d) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, for any fiscal
21 year in which the State appropriation is insufficient to fully fund all grants eligible
22 under this section, the Governor shall include in the budget bill for the following fiscal
23 year a deficiency appropriation to fund all unfunded grants.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2007.