

CHAPTER 106

(House Bill 1421)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City Community College – English for Speakers of Other Languages Grant

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 16–508
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Education

16–508.

(a) (1) Beginning with fiscal year 1996, the Governor shall include in the annual budget submission a General Fund appropriation for Baltimore City Community College in the amount provided in subsection (b) of this section to provide instruction and services to students enrolled in an English for Speakers of Other Languages (“ESOL”) program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2007.