

# Chapter 658

(House Bill 964)

AN ACT concerning

## **Community Colleges – ~~Code Funding Formula~~ Grants for English for Speakers of Other Languages Programs – ~~Repeal of Total Amount Limitation~~**

FOR the purpose of ~~removing~~ *increasing* the limit on the total amount of grants that may be distributed to certain community colleges to provide instruction and services to certain students enrolled in English for Speakers of Other Languages programs; and generally relating to grants for community colleges for English for Speakers of Other Languages programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Education  
Section 16–305(e) and 16–508  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

### **Article – Education**

16–305.

(e) (1) (i) Beginning in fiscal year 1996, a grant in the amount provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be distributed to each board in order to provide instruction and services to students enrolled in an English for Speakers of Other Languages (“ESOL”) program.

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

1. Born outside of the United States or whose native language is not English;

2. Who comes from an environment where a language other than English is dominant; or

3. 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.

(2) ~~¶~~(i) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the ~~THE~~ amount of the grant shall be \$800 times the number of qualified full-time equivalent students who are enrolled in a county ESOL program and at the community college.

~~¶~~(ii) 1. The total amount of the grants under this paragraph may not exceed ~~\$6,000,000~~ \$8,000,000 for any fiscal year.

2. If, for any fiscal year, the total amount of the grants calculated under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph would exceed ~~\$6,000,000~~ \$8,000,000, then each grant shall be prorated by the amount necessary to reduce the total amount of the grants to ~~\$6,000,000~~ \$8,000,000.

(3) (i) If the amount that is appropriated to a board under this subsection for any fiscal year is more than the actual cost of providing ESOL programs to students enrolled at the community college in that county or region, the excess funds shall be paid back to the State and credited to the General Fund of the State.

(ii) A board may not transfer State funds received under this subsection to any other program or category.

(4) ~~¶~~Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, ~~for~~ ~~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.

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 ~~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 ~~\$1,000,000~~ **\$1,333,000** 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 ~~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 June 1, 2013.

**Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.**