

SENATE BILL 909

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Service, Stipends, and Scholarships – Maryland Corps Program – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Corps Program; providing for the purpose
4 of the Program; requiring a certain Board of Directors to administer and manage the
5 Program; providing for the composition of the Board; providing for the appointment,
6 terms, and removal of members of the Board; providing that members of the Board
7 may not receive certain compensation but are entitled to certain reimbursement;
8 requiring the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism within the Governor’s
9 Office of Community Initiatives to provide certain staffing and assistance to the
10 Board and a certain operator; requiring the Board to submit a certain Request for
11 Proposals (RFP) on or before a certain date; requiring the RFP to include certain
12 elements and expectations for a certain operator; requiring certain corps participants
13 to serve a certain nonprofit or governmental entity for a certain period of time;
14 authorizing certain corps participants to receive certain stipends and certain
15 scholarships under certain circumstances; specifying the use of certain scholarships;
16 establishing the Maryland Corps Program Fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund;
17 requiring the Board to administer the Fund; specifying that the Fund is a continuing,
18 nonlapsing fund that is not subject to a certain provision of law; requiring the State
19 Treasurer to hold the Fund separately and invest the money in the Fund in a certain
20 manner; requiring the Comptroller to account for the Fund; providing for the
21 composition and uses of the Fund; prohibiting any unspent portion of the Fund from
22 being transferred or used in a certain manner; requiring the Board to prepare certain
23 reports annually; authorizing the Fund to be subject to a certain audit; ~~requiring the~~
24 ~~Governor to include certain appropriations~~ providing that funds for the Program will
25 be as provided in the State budget in certain fiscal years for certain purposes;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 requiring the Board to explore certain possibilities; requiring the Board to submit
2 certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly in accordance with certain
3 provisions of law; providing for the staggering of the terms of certain members of the
4 Board; stating the intent of the General Assembly in awarding stipends and
5 scholarships under this Act; requiring certain members of the Board to be appointed
6 on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the
7 establishment of the Maryland Corps Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 18–103

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

13 (As enacted by Chapter 277 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011)

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Education

16 Section 24–1101 through 24–1111 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11.
17 Maryland Corps Program”

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

21 Article – State Finance and Procurement

22 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

23 Annotated Code of Maryland

24 (2015 Replacement Volume)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

26 Article – State Finance and Procurement

27 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85.

28 Annotated Code of Maryland

29 (2015 Replacement Volume)

30 BY adding to

31 Article – State Finance and Procurement

32 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)86.

33 Annotated Code of Maryland

34 (2015 Replacement Volume)

35 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

36 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

37 **Article – Education**

38 18–103.

1 Except as otherwise provided in Subtitles 4, 5, and 12 of this title, a scholarship,
2 grant, loan, or other student financial assistance awarded by the Office may be used only
3 at a public or private nonprofit institution of higher education in this State that possesses
4 a certificate of approval from the Commission.

5 **SUBTITLE 11. MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM.**

6 **24-1101.**

7 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
8 INDICATED.

9 (B) “BOARD” MEANS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PROGRAM.

10 (C) “CORPS PARTICIPANT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PARTICIPATES IN
11 THE PROGRAM AND:

12 (1) IS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 17 YEARS OLD AND 23 YEARS OLD;

13 (2) IS ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE TUITION;

14 (3) HAS OBTAINED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED; AND

15 (4) HAS NOT OBTAINED A VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE, AN
16 ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE, OR A BACHELOR’S DEGREE FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
17 EDUCATION.

18 (D) “FUND” MEANS THE MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM FUND.

19 (E) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM.

20 **24-1102.**

21 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM IN THE STATE
22 ADMINISTERED AND MANAGED BY THE BOARD.

23 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

24 (1) PROVIDE MEANINGFUL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES TO AT LEAST
25 100 CORPS PARTICIPANTS THAT WILL ADDRESS THE SOCIAL NEEDS OF THE
26 COMMUNITY;

27 (2) EQUIP CORPS PARTICIPANTS WITH THE SKILLS THAT WILL
28 ENABLE THEM TO SUCCESSFULLY MAKE THE TRANSITION FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO
29 AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

1 **(3) PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO CORPS PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE**
2 **COMPLETED THE PROGRAM TO BE USED AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**
3 **TOWARD VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATES, ASSOCIATE'S DEGREES, OR BACHELOR'S**
4 **DEGREES.**

5 **24-1103.**

6 **(A) A BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL ADMINISTER AND MANAGE THE**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 **(B) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

9 **(1) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

10 **(2) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND**

11 **(3) THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.**

12 **(C) IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD, THE PRESIDENT, SPEAKER,**
13 **AND GOVERNOR SHALL CONSIDER:**

14 **(1) THE PROFESSIONAL OR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE**
15 **INDIVIDUAL IN COMMUNITY OR OTHER SERVICE, NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT, CIVIC**
16 **ENGAGEMENT, OR VOLUNTEERISM; AND**

17 **(2) THE CULTURAL, GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND GENDER**
18 **DIVERSITY OF THE STATE.**

19 **(D) A MEMBER OF THE BOARD:**

20 **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD;**
21 **BUT**

22 **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**
23 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

24 **(E) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD IS 4 YEARS.**

25 **(2) THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY**
26 **THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS ON JUNE 1, 2016.**

27 **(3) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL**
28 **A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.**

1 **(F) (1) A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT MAY BE REMOVED BY**
2 **THE PRESIDENT FOR THE REASONS STATED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS**
3 **SUBSECTION.**

4 **(2) A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER MAY BE REMOVED BY**
5 **THE SPEAKER FOR THE REASONS STATED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

6 **(3) A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY BE REMOVED BY**
7 **THE GOVERNOR FOR THE REASONS STATED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS**
8 **SUBSECTION.**

9 **(4) A MEMBER OF THE BOARD MAY BE REMOVED FOR:**

10 **(I) INCOMPETENCE;**

11 **(II) MISCONDUCT;**

12 **(III) IMMORALITY; OR**

13 **(IV) FAILURE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE POSITION.**

14 **24-1104.**

15 **THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM WITHIN THE**
16 **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES SHALL PROVIDE:**

17 **(1) STAFF AND OTHER SUPPORT TO THE BOARD; AND**

18 **(2) TECHNICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO THE OPERATOR**
19 **SELECTED UNDER § 24-1105 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

20 **24-1105.**

21 **(A) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2017, THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR**
22 **PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR AN OPERATOR FOR THE PROGRAM.**

23 **(B) THE OPERATOR SHALL MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED BY**
24 **THE BOARD.**

25 **(C) THE RFP SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS AND**
26 **EXPECTATIONS FOR THE OPERATOR:**

27 **(1) IDENTIFYING MEANINGFUL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CORPS**
28 **PARTICIPANTS THAT ADDRESS THE SOCIAL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE**
29 **PROVIDED BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES;**

1 (2) IDENTIFYING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL TEACH 21ST
2 CENTURY SKILLS TO CORPS PARTICIPANTS;

3 (3) IDENTIFYING ACADEMIC CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CORPS
4 PARTICIPANTS;

5 (4) CREATING A SELECTIVE RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR CORPS
6 PARTICIPANTS, GIVING PRIORITY TO LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS;

7 (5) CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING AN ORIENTATION AND TRAINING
8 PROGRAM FOR CORPS PARTICIPANTS AND THE NONPROFIT OR GOVERNMENT
9 AGENCIES WHERE CORPS PARTICIPANTS EFFECTUATE THEIR SERVICE;

10 (6) PROVIDING SUPPORT TO CORPS PARTICIPANTS IN FINDING
11 PLACEMENTS;

12 (7) EMPHASIZING AND ENCOURAGING THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A
13 SUCCESSFUL CONTRIBUTOR TO SOCIETY, A MEASURE OF WHICH IS A VOCATIONAL
14 CERTIFICATE, AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE, OR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE;

15 (8) CREATING TOOLS TO MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF CORPS
16 PARTICIPANTS AS THEY TRANSITION FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO AN INSTITUTION OF
17 HIGHER EDUCATION FOR A VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE, AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE, OR
18 A BACHELOR'S DEGREE;

19 (9) FACILITATING THE AWARD OF STIPENDS FOR CORPS
20 PARTICIPANTS DURING THEIR YEAR OF SERVICE;

21 (10) FACILITATING THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CORPS
22 PARTICIPANTS WHO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM TO BE USED AT INSTITUTIONS OF
23 HIGHER EDUCATION TOWARD VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATES, ASSOCIATE'S DEGREES,
24 OR BACHELOR'S DEGREES; ~~AND~~

25 (11) IDENTIFYING WHAT STATE SUPPORT WILL BE NECESSARY AND
26 WHAT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO SUSTAIN
27 AND INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE PROGRAM; AND

28 ~~(11)~~ (12) ANY OTHER CHARACTERISTICS THAT THE BOARD
29 DETERMINES WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM.

30 24-1106.

31 A CORPS PARTICIPANT:

1 **(1) SHALL SERVE FOR AT LEAST 9 MONTHS WITH A NONPROFIT**
2 **ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT HAS A FOCUS ON COMMUNITY OR**
3 **OTHER SERVICE, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, VOLUNTEERISM, OR OTHER ACTIVITIES OR**
4 **EXPERIENCES WITH A SIMILAR MISSION; AND**

5 **(2) IS ELIGIBLE FOR A MONETARY STIPEND IN AN AMOUNT**
6 **DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF UP TO \$15,000.**

7 **24-1107.**

8 **(A) A CORPS PARTICIPANT WHO COMPLETES THE PROGRAM IS ELIGIBLE**
9 **FOR A ONE-TIME SCHOLARSHIP AWARD, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, IN THE**
10 **AMOUNT OF UP TO \$6,000.**

11 **(B) A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION:**

12 **(1) MAY BE USED AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AS DESCRIBED**
13 **UNDER § 18-103 OF THIS ARTICLE TOWARD A VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE, AN**
14 **ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE, OR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE; AND**

15 **(2) MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT OR IMPEDE THE AWARD OF**
16 **ANY OTHER FINANCIAL AID FOR WHICH THE CORPS PARTICIPANT IS ELIGIBLE.**

17 **24-1108.**

18 **(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM FUND.**

19 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO:**

20 **(1) PROVIDE STIPENDS TO CORPS PARTICIPANTS;**

21 **(2) PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO CORPS PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE**
22 **COMPLETED THE PROGRAM TO BE USED AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**
23 **IN THE STATE TOWARD VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATES, ASSOCIATE'S DEGREES, AND**
24 **BACHELOR'S DEGREES;**

25 **(3) COVER EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE BOARD, INCLUDING**
26 **EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE DEVELOPMENT, ISSUANCE, AWARDING, AND**
27 **FUNDING OF THE RFP; AND**

28 **(4) COVER EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE OPERATOR SELECTED**
29 **UNDER § 24-1105 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD TO BE**
30 **RELEVANT TO THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM.**

1 **(C) THE BOARD SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.**

2 **(D) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT**
3 **TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

4 **(E) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY**
5 **AND SHALL INVEST THE MONEY IN THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER**
6 **STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.**

7 **(2) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED**
8 **TO THE FUND.**

9 **(F) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.**

10 **(G) THE BOARD:**

11 **(1) MAY ACCEPT ANY GIFT OR GRANT FROM ANY PERSON FOR THE**
12 **FUND;**

13 **(2) SHALL USE ANY GIFT OR GRANT THAT IT RECEIVES FOR THE**
14 **REASONS STATED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

15 **(3) SHALL DEPOSIT ANY GIFT OR GRANT THAT IT RECEIVES FOR THE**
16 **FUND WITH THE STATE TREASURER.**

17 **(H) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

18 **(1) MONEY APPROPRIATED UNDER § 24-1109 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

19 **(2) GIFTS OR GRANTS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FOR THE FUND;**

20 **(3) INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND**

21 **(4) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR**
22 **THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

23 **(I) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR:**

24 **(1) PROVIDING STIPENDS TO CORPS PARTICIPANTS;**

25 **(2) PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO CORPS PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE**
26 **COMPLETED THE PROGRAM TO BE USED AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**
27 **IN THE STATE TOWARD VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATES, ASSOCIATE'S DEGREES, AND**
28 **BACHELOR'S DEGREES;**

1 (3) COVERING EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE BOARD, INCLUDING
2 EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE DEVELOPMENT, ISSUANCE, AWARDING, AND
3 FUNDING OF THE RFP; AND

4 (4) COVERING EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE OPERATOR SELECTED
5 UNDER § 24-1105 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD TO BE
6 RELEVANT TO THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM.

7 (J) ANY UNSPENT PORTION OF THE FUND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR
8 REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE BUT SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND
9 TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

10 (K) (1) BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2018, AT THE END OF THE FISCAL
11 YEAR, THE BOARD SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FUND THAT
12 INCLUDES AN ACCOUNTING OF ALL FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES TO
13 AND FROM THE FUND.

14 (2) THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE
15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
16 ARTICLE.

17 (L) THE FUND MAY BE SUBJECT TO AN AUDIT BY THE LEGISLATIVE
18 AUDITOR.

19 24-1109.

20 (A) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, ~~THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN~~
21 ~~APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$250,000 IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE FUND~~
22 FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE
23 BOARD TO DEVELOP, ISSUE, AND AWARD THE RFP DESCRIBED UNDER §
24 24-1105 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

25 (B) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, ~~THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN~~
26 ~~APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$1,000,000 IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE FUND~~
27 FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE
28 BOARD TO DISBURSE STIPENDS TO CORPS PARTICIPANTS AND TO COVER ANY
29 ADMINISTRATIVE OR OTHER COSTS INCURRED BY THE BOARD OR OPERATOR
30 SELECTED UNDER § 24-1105 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO OPERATIONALIZE THE
31 PROGRAM.

32 (C) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, ~~THE~~
33 ~~GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$2,000,000 IN THE~~

1 ~~STATE BUDGET FOR THE FUND~~ FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED
2 IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BOARD TO:

3 (1) PROVIDE STIPENDS TO CORPS PARTICIPANTS;

4 (2) PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO CORPS PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE
5 COMPLETED THE PROGRAM TO BE USED AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
6 IN THE STATE TOWARD VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATES, ASSOCIATE'S DEGREES, AND
7 BACHELOR'S DEGREES;

8 (3) COVER EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE BOARD, INCLUDING
9 EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE DEVELOPMENT, ISSUANCE, AWARDING, AND
10 FUNDING OF THE RFP; AND

11 (4) COVER EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE OPERATOR SELECTED
12 UNDER § 24-1105 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD TO BE
13 RELEVANT TO THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM.

14 24-1110.

15 THE BOARD SHALL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF:

16 (1) ACCESSING FEDERAL OR OTHER GRANT FUNDING FOR THE
17 PROGRAM; AND

18 (2) AWARDING CORPS PARTICIPANTS WITH ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR
19 THEIR SERVICE.

20 24-1111.

21 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE BOARD SHALL REPORT TO THE
22 GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
23 ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING:

24 (1) THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF STIPENDS AWARDED UNDER THE
25 PROGRAM;

26 (2) THE NONPROFIT OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITH WHICH CORPS
27 PARTICIPANTS ARE PLACED;

28 (3) THE INSTITUTIONS, IF ANY, THAT AWARD ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR
29 A CORPS PARTICIPANT'S SERVICE;

1 **(4) THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED UNDER**
2 **THE PROGRAM; AND**

3 **(5) AT WHICH INSTITUTIONS CORPS PARTICIPANTS USE THEIR**
4 **SCHOLARSHIPS.**

5 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

6 6–226.

7 (a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless
8 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the
9 terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the
10 State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to
11 receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General
12 Fund of the State.

13 (ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply
14 to the following funds:

15 84. the Economic Development Marketing Fund; [and]

16 85. the Military Personnel and Veteran–Owned Small
17 Business No–Interest Loan Fund; **AND**

18 **86. THE MARYLAND CORPS PROGRAM FUND.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial
20 members of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Corps Program established under
21 Section 1 of this Act shall expire as follows:

22 (1) two members in 2019;

23 (2) three members in 2020; and

24 (3) two members in 2021.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General
26 Assembly that:

27 (1) the first Maryland Corps Program stipends shall be awarded on or
28 before June 1, 2018; and

29 (2) the first Maryland Corps Program scholarships shall be awarded on or
30 before June 1, 2019.

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1 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the members of the Board of
2 Directors of the Maryland Corps Program as established under Section 1 of this Act shall
3 be appointed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Governor
4 on or before September 1, 2016.

5 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
6 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.