

HOUSE BILL 982

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By: **Delegate A. Washington**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education Outreach and College Access Program – Alterations and**
3 **Repeal of Sunset**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law relating to
5 the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program;
6 altering the name of the Program; altering the provisions related to a certain report
7 on the Program; and generally relating to the Maryland Higher Education Outreach
8 and College Access Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 11–1101 through 11–1103 and 11–1106
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Education
16 Section 11–1104 and 11–1105
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Chapter 200 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015
21 Section 2

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Chapter 201 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015
24 Section 2

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Education

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2 11–1101.

3 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (b) “Nonprofit organization” means an organization that is exempt or eligible for
5 exemption from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.6 (c) “Program” means the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College
7 Access [Pilot] Program.

8 11–1102.

9 There is a Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access [Pilot] Program.

10 11–1103.

11 The purposes of the Program are to:

12 (1) Encourage low–income Maryland high school students to attend and
13 complete college;14 (2) Connect potential college and university students with nonprofit
15 organizations that have a history of successful higher education outcomes for targeted
16 youth;17 (3) Create an equal matching fund for nonprofit organizations to access in
18 order to increase college outreach services to low–income students; **AND**19 (4) Provide funding for nonprofit organizations that are already
20 established in communities to provide targeted outreach to encourage low–income students
21 to enroll in college[; and22 (5) Establish a 2–year pilot program to determine if the Program can lead
23 to an increase in low–income students attending and succeeding in college].

24 11–1104.

25 (a) The Commission shall administer the Program.

26 (b) To carry out the purposes of the Program, the Commission shall:

27 (1) Establish a grant program to be published on the Commission’s Web
28 site through which nonprofit organizations may learn about eligibility, application, and
29 compliance requirements and apply for funding as provided under this subtitle;

- 1 (2) Develop application requirements and review and approve applications;
2 (3) Develop a process for verifying that matching funds are available; and
3 (4) Allocate funding to approved nonprofit organizations on a competitive
4 basis.

5 11-1105.

- 6 (a) To be eligible for participation in the Program, a nonprofit organization shall:
7 (1) Be located in the State;
8 (2) Have a contract or memorandum of understanding with a local school
9 system or an institution of higher education or must establish one if one does not exist; and
10 (3) Demonstrate an equal match for funds requested.

11 (b) A nonprofit organization that receives funding through the Program shall:

- 12 (1) Submit data on outreach programs;
13 (2) Track student progress through the higher education system; and
14 (3) Submit annual reports to the Commission on or before October 1
15 following the fiscal year in which funds were received.

16 11-1106.

17 (a) The Commission shall prepare [a] AN ANNUAL report on the Program that
18 includes:

- 19 (1) A summary of the reports received regarding the Program;
20 (2) The amount of funds distributed each fiscal year; and
21 (3) If an eligible wait list exists, the number of nonprofit organizations on
22 the wait list.

23 (b) On or before December 1[, 2017, and December 1, 2018] EACH YEAR, the
24 Commission shall submit a copy of the report required under subsection (a) of this section
25 to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

26 **Chapter 200 of the Acts of 2015**

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

1 October 1, 2015. [It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of
2 September 30, 2019, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
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