

SENATE BILL 515

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By: **Senators Ferguson, Benson, Elfreth, Feldman, Guzzone, Kelley, Klausmeier, and Young**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Colleges – Workforce Readiness Grant Program – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workforce Readiness Grant Program; specifying the
4 purpose of the Program; authorizing each community college campus to accept
5 certain donations that further the purpose of the Program; requiring the Governor
6 to appropriate a certain amount of supplemental funding in certain fiscal years for
7 certain community colleges; requiring a certain appropriation to be used to further
8 the purpose of the Program; authorizing the Governor to make a certain
9 appropriation; requiring that certain funding be in addition to certain State funding
10 provided for certain community colleges; requiring the Governor, in certain fiscal
11 years, to identify in the annual budget how certain revenue is being used to
12 supplement certain spending for certain community colleges; requiring the Maryland
13 Higher Education Commission to adopt certain regulations; requiring the
14 Commission to submit a certain report in a certain manner to the Governor and the
15 General Assembly; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act;
16 and generally relating to the Workforce Readiness Grant Program.

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Education

19 Section 16–321

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Education**

25 **16–321.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
2 INDICATED.

3 (2) "COMMUNITY COLLEGE" INCLUDES BALTIMORE CITY
4 COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

5 (3) "ELIGIBLE DONOR" MEANS A PERSON OTHER THAN A LOCAL,
6 STATE, FEDERAL, OR FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.

7 (4) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE WORKFORCE READINESS GRANT
8 PROGRAM.

9 (B) THERE IS A WORKFORCE READINESS GRANT PROGRAM.

10 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANTS TO
11 A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S TECHNOLOGY.

12 (D) EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS MAY ACCEPT DONATIONS FROM
13 ELIGIBLE DONORS THAT FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM.

14 (E) (1) (I) IN FISCAL YEAR 2022, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN
15 THE STATE BUDGET FOR EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING IN
16 AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE LESSER OF \$250,000 FOR EACH CAMPUS OF EACH
17 COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR THE AMOUNT DONATED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS
18 SECTION IN FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021.

19 (II) IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN
20 THE STATE BUDGET FOR EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING
21 EQUAL TO THE LESSER OF \$250,000 FOR EACH CAMPUS OF EACH COMMUNITY
22 COLLEGE OR THE AMOUNT DONATED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION IN
23 FISCAL YEARS 2022 AND 2023.

24 (2) FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING THE GOVERNOR'S
25 APPROPRIATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, AN AMOUNT DONATED BY AN ELIGIBLE
26 DONOR MAY BE COUNTED ONLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH IT WAS PLEDGED.

27 (3) THE GOVERNOR'S APPROPRIATION SHALL BE USED TO FURTHER
28 THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM.

29 (4) THE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUIRED UNDER THIS
30 SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE STATE FUNDING PROVIDED TO EACH
31 COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDER § 16-305 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS

1 TITLE.

2 (5) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022 AND 2024, THE GOVERNOR SHALL
3 IDENTIFY IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET HOW THE REVENUE REQUIRED UNDER THIS
4 SUBSECTION IS BEING USED TO SUPPLEMENT AND NOT SUPPLANT THE
5 APPROPRIATION FOR EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

6 (F) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE
7 PROGRAM.

8 (G) (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE
9 SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE
10 GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
11 ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

12 (2) THE REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL
13 SUMMARIZE FOR EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS
14 RAISED FOR THE PROGRAM AND HOW THOSE FUNDS WERE SPENT.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025,
17 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
18 of no further force and effect.