

# SENATE BILL 610

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By: **Senators King, Edwards, Elfreth, Feldman, Griffith, Guzzone, Peters, and Serafini**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Colleges – Supplemental Services and Supports for Students With**  
3 **Disabilities Grant Program**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain guidelines or regulations for a grant program for  
5 supplemental services and supports for students with disabilities; requiring,  
6 beginning in a certain fiscal year, that the Governor include in the annual budget  
7 bill at least a certain appropriation to the Maryland Higher Education Commission  
8 to be used to award grants for a certain program; requiring grants to be distributed  
9 in a certain manner; requiring certain uses of grant funds; and generally relating to  
10 the grant program for supplemental services and supports for students with  
11 disabilities in community colleges.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Education  
14 Section 16–319  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 16–319.

21 (a) The Commission shall establish and administer a grant program for  
22 supplemental services and supports for students with disabilities in community colleges.

23 (b) **(1)** The Commission, in cooperation with the Department of Disabilities,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 shall:

2           **[(1)] (I)** Establish a competitive review process for the awarding of grants  
3 to community colleges; and

4           **[(2)] (II)** Adopt any other guidelines or regulations necessary for the  
5 administration of this section.

6           **(2) THE GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE**  
7 **STUDENTS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION FROM A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR MENTAL**  
8 **HEALTH PROFESSIONAL.**

9           **(C) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**  
10 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL A GENERAL FUND**  
11 **APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$2,500,000 TO THE COMMISSION TO BE USED TO**  
12 **AWARD GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION.**

13           **(2) GRANTS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON COSTS ASSOCIATED**  
14 **WITH SERVING STUDENTS.**

15           **(3) COMMUNITY COLLEGES SHALL USE THE GRANT TO SERVE**  
16 **STUDENTS, INCLUDING COSTS OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS, READERS,**  
17 **CONVERTING COURSE MATERIALS FOR AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**  
18 **COMPLIANCE, TUTORS, NOTE-TAKERS, AND SPECIALIZED SOFTWARE.**

19           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2020.