

HOUSE BILL 427

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By: **Delegate D. Jones**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program –**
3 **Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to distribute
5 grants of equal amounts to each community college each fiscal year under the
6 Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program; altering the required
7 appropriation to the Program beginning in a certain fiscal year; and generally
8 relating to the Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 16–320
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 16–320.

18 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

19 (2) “Community college” includes Baltimore City Community College.

20 (3) “Eligible project” means a facility renewal project, including
21 improvements, repairs, and deferred maintenance, that has a total estimated cost of not
22 more than \$1,000,000 and has been submitted to the Commission as part of an annual
23 master plan or a 10–year master plan.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) "Program" means the Community College Facilities Renewal Grant
2 Program.

3 (b) (1) There is a Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program that
4 shall provide State funds to community colleges for improvements, repairs, and deferred
5 maintenance projects in accordance with this section.

6 (2) The Commission shall administer the Program.

7 (c) (1) (i) In fiscal years 2019 through 2021, the Governor shall annually
8 appropriate in the operating budget of the Commission an amount equal to 5% of the
9 appropriation to the Community College Construction Grant Program in the same fiscal
10 year.

11 (ii) In fiscal [year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter] **YEARS 2023**
12 **AND 2024**, the Governor shall annually appropriate in the operating or capital budget of
13 the Commission an amount equal to 5% of the appropriation to the Community College
14 Construction Grant Program in the same fiscal year.

15 **(iii) IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**
16 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE IN THE OPERATING OR CAPITAL**
17 **BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 10% OF THE APPROPRIATION**
18 **TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE SAME**
19 **FISCAL YEAR.**

20 (2) The appropriation required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall
21 be in addition to and may not supplant the amount appropriated to the Community College
22 Construction Grant Program in the State budget.

23 (d) (1) On or before September 1 of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year of
24 the grant award, a community college shall provide to the Commission information about
25 the eligible project for which the community college is requesting a grant.

26 (2) (i) The Commission [may make up to eight] **SHALL DISTRIBUTE**
27 **grants OF EQUAL AMOUNTS TO EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE** in each fiscal year.

28 (ii) [1. Subject to subparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, a
29 community college may not receive a grant in 2 consecutive fiscal years.

30 2. If a community college does not request funds in a fiscal
31 year, the community college may not receive a grant until the second following fiscal year.

32 (iii) 1. Subject to subparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, a
33 community college may not receive more than \$500,000 in a fiscal year under the Program.

