SENATE BILL 500

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By: Senator M. Washington

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2 Education - Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund -3 Alterations

- FOR the purpose of altering the qualifications for an award from the Child Care Career 5 and Professional Development Fund to include a certain service obligation; requiring the Office of Child Care to prioritize grant awards to certain applicants; requiring certain award recipients to repay certain award funding except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund.
- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- Article Education 11
- 12 Section 9.5-905
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement) 14
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 15
- 16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 Article - Education

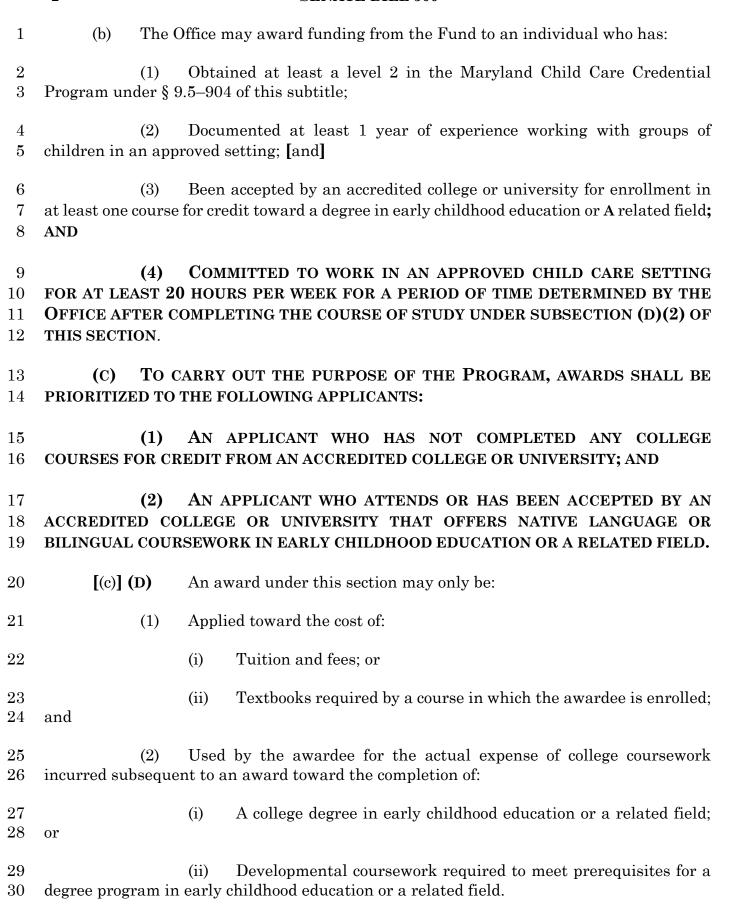
- 18 9.5 - 905.
- 19 (a) There is a Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund.

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 **(E) (1)** EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, 2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AN AWARD 3 RECIPIENT SHALL REPAY THE OFFICE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THIS SECTION 4 IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIRED 5 UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(4) OF THIS SECTION. 6 **(2)** THE OFFICE MAY WAIVE OR DEFER PAYMENT IF THE RECIPIENT 7 **PROVIDES** TO OFFICE SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF **EXTENUATING** 8 CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING ILLNESS OR DISABILITY, THAT PREVENT THE 9 RECIPIENT FROM FULFILLING THE SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(4) OF THIS SECTION. 10 11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to 12 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on the requirements for the receipt, retention, or repayment of an award from the Child Care 13 Career and Professional Development Fund under § 9.5–905 of the Education Article for 14 15 which an applicant applied or was awarded funding before the effective date of this Act. SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 16 17 1, 2024. Approved: Governor. President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.