

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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2025 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 603

(Senator Zucker, *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

Appropriations

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**University of Maryland, College Park Campus – TerpsEXCEED Program –  
Funding**

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This bill *authorizes* the Governor to include \$350,000 in the annual budget bill for the TerpsEXCEED (EXperiencing College through Education and Employment Discovery) Program at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus (UMCP), beginning in fiscal 2027. The funding may serve as a sustainable funding source for the management of the TerpsEXCEED Program. The bill specifies permitted uses for the funding, including advising and counseling, offering courses, and developing internship and job opportunities. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Beginning in FY 2027, general fund expenditures are assumed to increase by \$350,000 annually. Higher education revenues and expenditures for the allowed purposes increase correspondingly.

(in dollars)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Higher Ed Rev.	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
GF Expenditure	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
Higher Ed Exp.	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
Net Effect	\$0	(\$350,000)	(\$350,000)	(\$350,000)	(\$350,000)

*Note: () = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** The [TerpsEXCEED](#) Program is an inclusive post-secondary education program at UMCP that provides Maryland students with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to participate in a college experience for two years, culminating in a certificate.

**State Fiscal Effect:** Beginning in fiscal 2027, the bill *authorizes* the Governor to include \$350,000 in the annual budget bill for the TerpsEXCEED Program. As under current law, any such funding is discretionary. To the extent funding is provided under the bill, UMCP higher education revenues and expenditures increase correspondingly for the purposes permitted by the bill.

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### Additional Information

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** HB 458 (Delegate Wolek, *et al.*) - Appropriations.

**Information Source(s):** University System of Maryland; Department of Budget and Management; Department of Legislative Services

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