

HOUSE BILL 16

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Ways and Means/ Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation* —

Introduced by ~~Delegate Turner~~ Delegates Turner, A. Washington, and Tarlau

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Colleges – Near Completers and Maryland Community College**
3 **Promise Scholarships**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the State budget
5 for certain fiscal years for the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish
6 a near completer communication campaign; requiring the Commission to develop
7 and implement a certain web-based match program for near completers; requiring
8 the Commission to encourage certain institutions of higher education to participate
9 in a certain program; requiring certain institutions to provide the Commission with
10 certain information in a certain format; requiring the Commission to make a certain
11 determination and send certain information to near completers; requiring the
12 Governor to include a certain amount in the State budget for certain fiscal years for
13 the Commission to develop and implement a certain match program; establishing
14 eligibility requirements for a certain match program; requiring the Governor to

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 include a certain amount in the State budget for certain fiscal years for the
 2 Commission to provide certain awards to certain students subject to certain
 3 limitations; requiring certain grants to be provided on a first-come, first-served
 4 basis; requiring the Commission and certain community colleges to make certain
 5 reports to the General Assembly on or before certain dates; prohibiting certain
 6 community colleges from increasing certain tuition rates more than the higher of
 7 certain amounts beginning in a certain academic year; establishing a Maryland
 8 Community College Promise Scholarship program; requiring the Office of Student
 9 Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission to publicize the
 10 availability of certain scholarships; requiring the Office to annually select and offer
 11 a certain scholarship award to certain applicants; establishing the eligibility
 12 requirements for receiving a certain scholarship; requiring a certain community
 13 college to assist certain applicants with a certain application on request; requiring
 14 the scholarship award to be not more than a certain amount beginning in a certain
 15 academic year; specifying how certain financial aid shall be credited to the tuition of
 16 a scholarship recipient; specifying that initial awards shall be provided to recipients
 17 ~~on a first-come, first-served basis;~~ based on greatest demonstrated financial need;
 18 specifying a priority for awards in subsequent years; requiring eligible applicants
 19 who do not receive a certain award to be notified and placed on a waiting list;
 20 prohibiting a certain scholarship award from being made unless a recipient signs a
 21 certain agreement; providing for the duration of the scholarship award; authorizing
 22 the Office to extend the duration of the award under certain circumstances;
 23 establishing the requirements for a recipient to hold a scholarship award; requiring
 24 that a certain scholarship award be converted into a student loan under certain
 25 circumstances; authorizing the Office to waive or defer repayment of a certain
 26 student loan under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to include a
 27 certain annual appropriation in the State budget for the scholarship program;
 28 requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Commission to
 29 report certain information to the General Assembly on or before certain dates;
 30 providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms;
 31 and generally relating to near completers and community college scholarships.

32 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

33 Article – Education

34 Section 11–209

35 Annotated Code of Maryland

36 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

37 BY adding to

38 Article – Education

39 Section 16–317 and 16–514; and 18–3401 through 18–3407 to be under the new
 40 subtitle “Subtitle 34. Maryland Community College Promise Scholarships”

41 Annotated Code of Maryland

42 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

43 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

44 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

11-209.

(a) In this section, “near completer” means an individual who has completed some college credits but does not have a college degree and is no longer attending an institution of higher education.

(b) (1) (I) The Commission, in collaboration with institutions of higher education, shall create a statewide communication campaign to identify near completers in the State and to encourage near completers to re-enroll in an institution of higher education to earn a degree.

(II) **FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2024, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET \$125,000 TO THE COMMISSION TO FUND A STATEWIDE COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN.**

(c) (2) The communication campaign shall:

[(1)] (I) Make use of a variety of marketing media, including billboards, brochures, and electronic resources;

[(2)] (II) Provide a centralized contact point for near completers to get information about and assistance with re-enrolling;

[(3)] (III) Make readily available contact information for each public institution of higher education in the State; and

[(4)] (IV) Focus on near completers who:

[(i)] 1. Earned a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a scale of 4.0 while in college; and

[(ii) 1.] 2. A. Earned at least 45 credit hours if the individual attended a community college; or

[2.] B. Earned at least 90 credit hours if the individual attended a senior higher education institution.

(d) (1) The Commission shall develop and implement a plan that would provide an incentive to:

(i) A near completer to re-enroll and earn a degree; and

(ii) A college to identify and graduate near completers.

1 (2) The incentive plan shall use all available resources, including
2 institutional funds, private sector funds, and State funds.]

3 (C) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A
4 CENTRALIZED WEB-BASED MATCH PROGRAM FOR NEAR COMPLETERS THAT
5 FACILITATES THE MATCHING OF A NEAR COMPLETER WITH ANY INSTITUTION OF
6 HIGHER EDUCATION AT WHICH THE NEAR COMPLETER WOULD BE ABLE TO
7 COMPLETE THE DEGREE.

8 (2) THE COMMISSION SHALL ENCOURAGE EACH INSTITUTION OF
9 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MATCH PROGRAM AT NO
10 COST TO THE INSTITUTION.

11 (3) (I) AN INSTITUTION THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE MATCH
12 PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH INFORMATION REGARDING
13 NEAR COMPLETERS WHO ATTENDED THE INSTITUTION, AS REQUESTED BY THE
14 COMMISSION AND IN THE FORMAT IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION.

15 (II) ON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)
16 OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

17 1. DETERMINE ANY MATCHES BETWEEN A NEAR
18 COMPLETER AND INSTITUTIONS; AND

19 2. SEND INFORMATION TO THE NEAR COMPLETER
20 REGARDING THE MATCHES, ANY INCENTIVES OFFERED FOR NEAR COMPLETERS BY
21 THE STATE OR BY THE INSTITUTIONS, AND ANY OTHER FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE
22 TO THE NEAR COMPLETER.

23 (4) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2024, THE
24 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET \$50,000 TO THE COMMISSION
25 TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE MATCH PROGRAM FOR NEAR COMPLETERS
26 DESCRIBED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

27 (D) (1) A NEAR COMPLETER IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS
28 SECTION IF THE NEAR COMPLETER:

29 (I) EARNED A MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 2.0 ON A
30 SCALE OF 4.0 WHILE IN COLLEGE; AND

31 (II) 1. EARNED AT LEAST 45 CREDIT HOURS IF THE
32 INDIVIDUAL ATTENDED A COMMUNITY COLLEGE; OR

1 **2. EARNED AT LEAST 90 CREDIT HOURS IF THE**
2 **INDIVIDUAL ATTENDED A SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.**

3 **(2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET THE**
4 **AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE COMMISSION**
5 **TO PROVIDE TO A NEAR COMPLETER THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT:**

6 **(I) FOR A NEAR COMPLETER WHO RE-ENROLLS IN A**
7 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE, UP TO ONE-THIRD OF THE IN-COUNTY TUITION CHARGE; OR**

8 **(II) FOR A NEAR COMPLETER WHO RE-ENROLLS IN A PUBLIC**
9 **SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION, UP TO ONE-THIRD OF THE RESIDENT**
10 **UNDERGRADUATE TUITION CHARGE.**

11 **(3) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS IN**
12 **THE STATE BUDGET TO THE COMMISSION FOR NEAR COMPLETER GRANTS UNDER**
13 **PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION:**

14 **(I) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020, \$250,000; AND**

15 **(II) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2024,**
16 **\$375,000.**

17 **(4) A GRANT PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE USED ONLY**
18 **FOR TUITION AND MAY NOT BE USED FOR FEES OR OTHER CHARGES OR EXPENSES**
19 **RELATED TO ATTENDING AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

20 **(5) ALL NONLOAN AID RECEIVED BY THE NEAR COMPLETER SHALL BE**
21 **CREDITED TO THE NEAR COMPLETER'S TUITION BEFORE THE CALCULATION OF THE**
22 **GRANT AMOUNT PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.**

23 **(6) GRANTS SHALL BE PROVIDED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED**
24 **BASIS.**

25 (e) The Commission and institutions of higher education may implement other
26 near completer initiatives in addition to the campaign and [incentive plan] MATCH
27 PROGRAM required under this section.

28 (f) By December 1, [2013] 2019, AND EVERY DECEMBER 1 THROUGH 2025,
29 the Commission shall submit a report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
30 Government Article, to the General Assembly on the details of the statewide
31 communication campaign and the [incentive plan] MATCH PROGRAM, including [the
32 expected timeline for] implementation OF THE CAMPAIGN AND MATCH PROGRAM AND

1 A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE EXPENDITURES UNDER THE GRANT PROGRAM
2 ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

3 **SUBTITLE 34. MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIPS.**

4 **18-3401.**

5 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
6 INDICATED.

7 (B) "ANNUAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME" MEANS THE TOTAL OF THE
8 COMBINED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT'S
9 PARENTS, OR THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT'S SPOUSE IF THE APPLICANT IS
10 MARRIED, AS REPORTED ON THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL OR STATE INCOME TAX
11 RETURN.

12 (C) "COMMUNITY COLLEGE" INCLUDES BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY
13 COLLEGE.

14 (D) (1) "TUITION" MEANS THE BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL CHARGE FOR
15 COURSES OFFERED AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

16 (2) "TUITION" INCLUDES ANY FEES FOR:

17 (I) REGISTRATION;

18 (II) APPLICATION;

19 (III) ADMINISTRATION;

20 (IV) LABORATORY WORK; AND

21 (V) OTHER MANDATORY FEES.

22 **18-3402.**

23 (A) THERE IS A PROGRAM OF MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE
24 SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE STATE THAT ARE AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

25 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE TUITION ASSISTANCE
26 FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE.

27 (C) THE OFFICE SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF MARYLAND
28 COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIPS.

1 18-3403.

2 (A) (1) A STUDENT MUST APPLY ANNUALLY TO THE COMMISSION TO
3 RECEIVE A MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD.

4 (2) THE OFFICE ANNUALLY SHALL SELECT ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS
5 AND OFFER A MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
6 TO EACH SELECTED APPLICANT TO BE USED FOR TUITION AT A COMMUNITY
7 COLLEGE OF THE APPLICANT'S CHOICE.

8 (B) AN APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
9 PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP IF THE APPLICANT:

10 (1) ~~IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD~~
11 ~~IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ENROLLING IN A COMMUNITY COLLEGE~~ ELIGIBLE
12 FOR IN-STATE TUITION;

13 (2) ENROLLS AS A CANDIDATE FOR A VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE, A
14 CERTIFICATE, OR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE
15 STATE WITHIN 2 YEARS AFTER GRADUATING FROM A HIGH SCHOOL ~~IN THE STATE~~
16 OR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING A GED IN THE STATE;

17 (3) HAS EARNED AN OVERALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE
18 OF AT LEAST 2.3 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT;

19 (4) HAS AN ANNUAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME OF NOT MORE THAN:

20 (I) ~~\$100,000~~ ~~\$90,000~~ \$100,000 IF THE APPLICANT IS SINGLE
21 OR RESIDES IN A SINGLE-PARENT HOUSEHOLD; OR

22 (II) ~~\$150,000~~ ~~\$125,000~~ \$150,000 IF THE APPLICANT IS
23 MARRIED OR RESIDES IN A TWO-PARENT HOUSEHOLD;

24 (5) ENROLLS IN AT LEAST 12 CREDITS PER SEMESTER AT THE
25 COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND

26 (6) (I) TIMELY SUBMITS A FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL
27 STUDENT AID (FAFSA) OR ANY OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR ANY STATE OR FEDERAL
28 STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, OTHER THAN A STUDENT LOAN, FOR WHICH THE
29 APPLICANT MAY QUALIFY; OR

30 (II) IS INELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT A FAFSA, QUALIFIES
31 FOR IN-STATE TUITION UNDER § 15-106.8 OF THIS ARTICLE, AND TIMELY SUBMITS

1 AN APPLICATION FOR ANY STATE STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, OTHER THAN A STUDENT
2 LOAN, FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT MAY QUALIFY.

3 (C) (1) AN APPLICANT WHO RECEIVES ANY OTHER EDUCATIONAL
4 GRANTS OR SCHOLARSHIPS THAT COVER THE APPLICANT'S FULL COST OF
5 ATTENDANCE AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN AWARD
6 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

7 (2) AN APPLICANT WHO HAS EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR AN
8 ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN AWARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

9 (D) ON REQUEST THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL ASSIST AN APPLICANT
10 TO SUBMIT A FAFSA OR ANY OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR STATE OR FEDERAL
11 STUDENT FINANCIAL AID.

12 18-3404.

13 (A) BEGINNING IN THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE ANNUAL
14 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 PER RECIPIENT, OR
15 ACTUAL TUITION, WHICHEVER IS LESS.

16 (B) (1) ANY STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, OTHER THAN A STUDENT LOAN,
17 RECEIVED BY THE RECIPIENT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE RECIPIENT'S TUITION
18 BEFORE THE CALCULATION OF ANY AWARD AMOUNT PROVIDED UNDER THIS
19 SUBTITLE.

20 (2) (I) 1. ~~AWARDS~~ INITIAL AWARDS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO
21 RECIPIENTS ~~ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS~~ BASED ON GREATEST
22 DEMONSTRATED FINANCIAL NEED.

23 2. PRIORITY FOR AWARDS IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS
24 SHALL BE GIVEN TO PRIOR YEAR RECIPIENTS WHO REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR THE
25 PROGRAM.

26 (II) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE AN AWARD
27 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE NOTIFIED AND PLACED ON A WAITING LIST.

28 (C) AN AWARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE MADE ONLY IF A RECIPIENT
29 SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL AWARD TO:

30 (1) ~~RESIDE EXCLUSIVELY IN THE STATE~~ USE AN ADDRESS IN THE
31 STATE ON THE RECIPIENT'S STATE INCOME TAX RETURN AND COMMENCE
32 FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER COMPLETION OF
33 THE VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE, CERTIFICATE, OR ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE;

1 (2) ~~MAINTAIN RESIDENCY AND~~ CONTINUE TO USE AN ADDRESS IN
2 THE STATE ON THE RECIPIENT'S STATE INCOME TAX RETURN AND MAINTAIN
3 EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE
4 SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED; AND

5 (3) HAVE THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CONVERTED INTO A STUDENT
6 LOAN PAYABLE TO THE STATE IF THE RECIPIENT FAILS TO FULFILL THE SERVICE
7 OBLIGATION REQUIRED IN ITEMS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

8 (D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
9 EACH RECIPIENT MAY HOLD THE AWARD UNTIL THE EARLIER OF:

10 (I) ~~2~~ 3 YEARS AFTER FIRST ENROLLING AS A CANDIDATE FOR A
11 VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE, A CERTIFICATE, OR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE AT A
12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE; OR

13 (II) THE DATE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS AWARDED ~~A~~
14 ~~VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE OR~~ AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE.

15 (2) THE OFFICE MAY EXTEND THE DURATION OF AN AWARD FOR AN
16 ALLOWABLE INTERRUPTION OF STUDY IF THE RECIPIENT PROVIDES TO THE OFFICE
17 SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PREVENT THE
18 RECIPIENT FROM CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT.

19 (3) EACH RECIPIENT MAY HOLD THE AWARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH
20 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ONLY IF THE RECIPIENT:

21 (I) CONTINUES TO BE ~~A RESIDENT OF THE STATE~~ ELIGIBLE
22 FOR IN-STATE TUITION;

23 (II) CONTINUES TO ENROLL IN AND COMPLETE AT LEAST 12
24 CREDITS PER SEMESTER OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE;

25 (III) MAINTAINS A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT
26 LEAST 2.5 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE AWARD
27 OR, FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDES TO THE OFFICE SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF
28 EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

29 (IV) MAKES SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD A VOCATIONAL
30 CERTIFICATE, A CERTIFICATE, OR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE;

31 (V) CONTINUES TO MEET THE INCOME LIMITATIONS UNDER §
32 18-3403(B)(4) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

1 (VI) CONTINUES TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION UNDER §
2 18-3403(B)(6).

3 (E) (1) IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION
4 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
5 SHALL BE CONVERTED INTO A STUDENT LOAN.

6 (2) THE OFFICE MAY WAIVE OR DEFER REPAYMENT OF THE STUDENT
7 LOAN IF THE RECIPIENT PROVIDES SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF EXTENUATING
8 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PREVENT THE RECIPIENT FROM FULFILLING THE SERVICE
9 OBLIGATION.

10 18-3405.

11 THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST
12 ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$15,000,000 IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE COMMISSION TO
13 DISBURSE MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER
14 THIS SUBTITLE.

15 18-3406.

16 (A) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO
17 IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

18 (B) THE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR
19 REPAYMENT OF ANY AWARD AMOUNT THAT IS CONVERTED TO A LOAN UNDER §
20 18-3404 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

21 18-3407.

22 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2020, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER,
23 THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE
24 WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
25 OF THE MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM,
26 INCLUDING:

27 (1) THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WHO RECEIVED A MARYLAND
28 COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR;

29 (2) THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ENROLLED IN AN
30 ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE PROGRAM;

1 **(3) THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ENROLLED IN A**
 2 **VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM;**

3 **(4) THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ENROLLED IN A**
 4 **CERTIFICATE PROGRAM;**

5 **(5) THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD MADE TO EACH SCHOLARSHIP**
 6 **RECIPIENT; AND**

7 ~~(3)~~ **(6) THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS, IF ANY, WHO WERE**
 8 **PLACED ON A WAITING LIST AND THE AMOUNT OF DEMONSTRATED FINANCIAL NEED,**
 9 **IN THE AGGREGATE, OF THOSE APPLICANTS;**

10 **(7) THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WHO EARNED AN**
 11 **ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE WITHIN 2, 3, OR 4 YEARS AFTER RECEIVING AN AWARD;**

12 **(8) THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WHO EARNED A**
 13 **VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE WITHIN 1, 2, OR 3 YEARS AFTER RECEIVING AN AWARD;**

14 **(9) THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WHO TRANSFERRED**
 15 **TO A 4-YEAR INSTITUTION IN THE STATE; AND**

16 **(10) THE ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM ON**
 17 **ENROLLMENT RATES AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**
 18 **IN THE STATE.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
 20 as follows:

21 **Article – Education**

22 **16-317.**

23 **BEGINNING IN THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR, A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN**
 24 **THE STATE MAY NOT INCREASE THE IN-COUNTY TUITION RATE OVER THE PRIOR**
 25 **YEAR BY MORE THAN THE HIGHER OF THE INCREASE IN THE 3-YEAR ROLLING**
 26 **AVERAGE OF THE STATE'S MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME OR 4% OVER THE PRIOR YEAR**
 27 **TUITION RATE.**

28 **16-514.**

29 **BEGINNING IN THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR, BALTIMORE CITY**
 30 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAY NOT INCREASE THE TUITION RATE OVER THE PRIOR**
 31 **YEAR BY MORE THAN THE HIGHER OF THE INCREASE IN THE 3-YEAR ROLLING**

1 AVERAGE OF THE STATE'S MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME OR 4% OVER THE PRIOR YEAR
2 TUITION RATE.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2018. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of
5 June 30, 2021, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General
6 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.