

SENATE BILL 816

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Low–Income Student Outreach and College Access Act of**
3 **2015**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Low–Income Student Outreach and College Access
5 Pilot Program targeting low–income Maryland high school graduates; establishing
6 certain purposes of the Program; requiring the Maryland Higher Education
7 Commission to administer the Program and perform certain duties; establishing
8 certain eligibility requirements for participation in the Program; requiring certain
9 actions from nonprofit organizations that receive Program funding; requiring the
10 Commission to submit a summary report on the Program on or before certain dates;
11 ~~requiring the Governor to make an appropriation in the State budget for the~~
12 ~~Commission for a certain purpose~~; providing for the termination of this Act; and
13 generally relating to the Low–Income Student Outreach and College Access Pilot
14 Program.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Education

17 Section 11–1101 through ~~11–1107~~ 11–1106 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11.
18 Low–Income Student Outreach and College Access Pilot Program”

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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.



Article – Education**SUBTITLE 11. LOW-INCOME STUDENT OUTREACH AND COLLEGE ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM.****11-1101.**

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

(B) “NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION” MEANS AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT OR ELIGIBLE FOR EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

(C) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE LOW-INCOME STUDENT OUTREACH AND COLLEGE ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM.

11-1102.

THERE IS A LOW-INCOME STUDENT OUTREACH AND COLLEGE ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM.

11-1103.

THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM ARE TO:

(1) ENCOURAGE LOW-INCOME MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TO ATTEND AND COMPLETE COLLEGE;

(2) CONNECT POTENTIAL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WITH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE A HISTORY OF SUCCESSFUL HIGHER EDUCATION OUTCOMES FOR TARGETED YOUTH;

(3) CREATE AN EQUAL MATCHING FUND FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO ACCESS IN ORDER TO INCREASE COLLEGE OUTREACH SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME STUDENTS;

(4) PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE TARGETED OUTREACH TO ENCOURAGE LOW-INCOME STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN COLLEGE; AND

(5) ESTABLISH A 2-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM TO DETERMINE IF THE PROGRAM CAN LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN LOW-INCOME STUDENTS ATTENDING AND SUCCEEDING IN COLLEGE.

1 11-1104.

2 (A) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

3 (B) TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM, THE COMMISSION
4 SHALL:

5 (1) ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM TO BE PUBLISHED ON THE
6 COMMISSION'S WEB SITE THROUGH WHICH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS MAY
7 LEARN ABOUT ELIGIBILITY, APPLICATION, AND COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS AND
8 APPLY FOR FUNDING AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

9 (2) DEVELOP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND REVIEW AND
10 APPROVE APPLICATIONS;

11 (3) DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR VERIFYING THAT MATCHING FUNDS
12 ARE AVAILABLE; AND

13 (4) ALLOCATE FUNDING TO APPROVED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
14 ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS.

15 11-1105.

16 (A) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, A NONPROFIT
17 ORGANIZATION SHALL:

18 (1) BE LOCATED IN THE STATE;

19 (2) HAVE A CONTRACT OR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH
20 A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM OR AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR MUST
21 ESTABLISH ONE IF ONE DOES NOT EXIST; AND

22 (3) DEMONSTRATE AN EQUAL MATCH FOR FUNDS REQUESTED.

23 (B) A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT RECEIVES FUNDING THROUGH THE
24 PROGRAM SHALL:

25 (1) SUBMIT DATA ON OUTREACH PROGRAMS;

26 (2) TRACK STUDENT PROGRESS THROUGH THE HIGHER EDUCATION
27 SYSTEM; AND

28 (3) SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION ON OR BEFORE
29 OCTOBER 1 FOLLOWING THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FUNDS WERE RECEIVED.

1 11-1106.

2 (A) THE COMMISSION SHALL PREPARE A REPORT ON THE PROGRAM THAT
3 INCLUDES:

4 (1) A SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS RECEIVED REGARDING THE
5 PROGRAM;

6 (2) THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS DISTRIBUTED EACH FISCAL YEAR; AND

7 (3) IF AN ELIGIBLE WAIT LIST EXISTS, THE NUMBER OF NONPROFIT
8 ORGANIZATIONS ON THE WAIT LIST.

9 (B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2017, AND DECEMBER 1, 2018, THE
10 COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER
11 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE
12 WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

13 ~~11-1107.~~

14 ~~BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2017, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE \$500,000~~
15 ~~IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET FOR THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE~~
16 ~~PROGRAM.~~

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of September
19 30, 2019, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
20 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.