

HOUSE BILL 98

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By: **Delegate Washington**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program –**
3 **Alterations**
4 **(Maryland College Access Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date of the Maryland Higher Education
6 Outreach and College Access Pilot Program; altering the title of the Program;
7 requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation
8 for the Program; altering the reporting dates of a certain report on the Program;
9 altering a certain definition; making conforming changes; and generally relating to
10 the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Education
13 Section 11–1101, 11–1102, 11–1103, and 11–1106 to be under the amended subtitle
14 “Subtitle 11. Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access
15 Program”
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
19 Article – Education
20 Section 11–1104 and 11–1105
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

23 BY adding to
24 Article – Education
25 Section 11–1107
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Chapter 200 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015, as amended by
3 Chapter 399 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
4 Section 2

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6 Chapter 201 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015, as amended by Chapter
7 399 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
8 Section 2

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

11 **Article – Education**

12 Subtitle 11. Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access [Pilot]
13 Program.

14 11–1101.

15 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (b) “Nonprofit organization” means an organization that is exempt or eligible for
17 exemption from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

18 (c) “Program” means the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College
19 Access [Pilot] Program.

20 11–1102.

21 There is a Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access [Pilot] Program.

22 11–1103.

23 The purposes of the Program are to:

24 (1) Encourage low–income Maryland high school students to attend and
25 complete college;

26 (2) Connect potential college and university students with nonprofit
27 organizations that have a history of successful higher education outcomes for targeted
28 youth;

29 (3) Create an equal matching fund for nonprofit organizations to access in
30 order to increase college outreach services to low–income students;

1 (4) Provide funding for nonprofit organizations that are already
2 established in communities to provide targeted outreach to encourage low-income students
3 to enroll in college; and

4 (5) [Establish a 5-year pilot program to determine if the Program can lead
5 to an increase in] **INCREASE THE NUMBER OF** low-income students attending and
6 succeeding in college.

7 11-1104.

8 (a) The Commission shall administer the Program.

9 (b) To carry out the purposes of the Program, the Commission shall:

10 (1) Establish a grant program to be published on the Commission's website
11 through which nonprofit organizations may learn about eligibility, application, and
12 compliance requirements and apply for funding as provided under this subtitle;

13 (2) Develop application requirements and review and approve applications;

14 (3) Develop a process for verifying that matching funds are available; and

15 (4) Allocate funding to approved nonprofit organizations on a competitive
16 basis.

17 11-1105.

18 (a) To be eligible for participation in the Program, a nonprofit organization shall:

19 (1) Be located in the State;

20 (2) Have a contract or memorandum of understanding with a local school
21 system or an institution of higher education or must 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 Program shall:

24 (1) Submit data on outreach programs;

25 (2) Track student progress through the higher education system; and

26 (3) Submit annual reports to the Commission on or before October 1
27 following the fiscal year in which funds were received.

28 11-1106.

1 (a) The Commission shall prepare a report on the Program that includes:

2 (1) A summary of the reports received from the participating nonprofit
3 organizations regarding the Program;

4 (2) The amount of funds distributed each fiscal year;

5 (3) Information regarding the effectiveness of the Program, including
6 whether students matriculate and remain continuously enrolled in higher education as a
7 result of the Program; and

8 (4) If an eligible wait list exists, the number of nonprofit organizations on
9 the wait list.

10 (b) On or before December 1 [in 2017 through 2021] **EACH YEAR**, the Commission
11 shall submit a copy of the report required under subsection (a) of this section to the General
12 Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.

13 **11-1107.**

14 **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**
15 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF**
16 **\$200,000 FOR THE PROGRAM.**

17 **Chapter 200 of the Acts of 2015, as amended by Chapter 399 of the Acts of 2018**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2015. [It shall remain effective for a period of 7 years and, at the end of
20 September 30, 2022, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
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27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
28 1, 2021.