

(D) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND SHALL BE MADE BY AN APPROPRIATION IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET OR BY APPROVED BUDGET AMENDMENT AS PROVIDED UNDER § 7-209 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(E) THE MONEY IN THE FUND SHALL BE USED FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND STATEWIDE GRANTS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED BEDSIDE NURSES IN MARYLAND HOSPITALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION AND THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION.

(F) THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THE COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND STATEWIDE GRANTS BE USED TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN MINORITIES TO NURSING AND NURSE FACULTY CAREERS IN MARYLAND.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.

CHAPTER 222
(House Bill 322)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education - Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund - Hospital Rates

FOR the purpose of establishing the Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund in the Maryland Higher Education Commission; establishing a funding source for the Fund; providing for expenditures from the Fund; requiring the Fund to be used for certain purposes in accordance with certain guidelines; requiring the guidelines to provide that a portion of certain grants be used for a certain purpose; and generally relating to the Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 11-404

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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