

CHAPTER 655  
(House Bill 624)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 304(a) and 304(b) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 31. Community Colleges," amending the laws concerning the financing of community colleges in order to take account of the use of an academic term rather than a school year, AND REVISING THE SCHEDULE FOR PAYMENT OF THE STATE'S SHARE OF THESE EXPENSES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 304 (a) and 304 (b) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 31. Community Colleges," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

304.

(a) Each community college or regional community college operating under the provisions of this subtitle shall be financed on the general basis of receiving one third of its current expenses from the State, one third from the county or counties (or Baltimore City) for which it is established, and one third from fees and charges required from students at the community college. In this computation, "current expenses" shall be the product of the per-student operating cost for the preceding school year *or academic term* multiplied by the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in the current school year *or academic term*.

(b) Beginning for the State's fiscal year which commences on July 1, 1966, the Governor shall place in the State budget an item to pay the State's one-third share to each of the community colleges operating under this subtitle. It shall not exceed the sum of ~~three hundred dollars (\$300.00)~~ TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) PER WEEK PER TERM for each full-time student at any community college *or a lesser sum in ratio if the computation is based upon academic terms*, NOT TO EXCEED A MAXIMUM OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00) FOR ANY STUDENT FOR ONE FULL TERM. The State Superintendent of Schools shall certify to the State Comptroller on or before the last day of both September and March in each year one half of the annual amount (*whether computed on the basis of a school year or of an academic term*) which is due the local board of trustees of each community college and thereupon the Comptroller within five days shall draw his warrant on the Treasurer of the State of Maryland for the respective amounts due the said local boards of trustees; and the Treasurer of the State of Maryland upon receiving such warrants shall immediately pay the amounts due to the respective local boards of trustees.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect ~~June~~ JULY 1, 1966.

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