

CHAPTER 166

(House Bill 597)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 304 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 31. Community Colleges," amending the laws concerning the ratio of payments toward current expenses of community or regional community colleges, changing the responsibility of the State, ~~to~~ students, and ~~to~~ the county or Baltimore City for such payments, and relating generally to the financing of community or regional community colleges.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 304 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Public Education," subtitle "Chapter 31. Community Colleges," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments to read as follows:

304.

(a) Current expenses paid by State, county and students.—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~~ *half* FORTY-FIVE PER CENT (45%) of its current expenses from the State, ~~one-third~~ *fourth* THIRTY PER CENT (30%) from the county or counties (or Baltimore City) for which it is established, and ~~one-third~~ *fourth* TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT (25%) 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) Payment of State's share.—Beginning for the State's fiscal year which commences on July 1, 1969, the Governor shall place in the State budget an item to pay the State's ~~one-third~~ *half* FORTY-FIVE PER CENT (45%) share to each of the community colleges operating under this subtitle. It shall not exceed the sum of ~~[thirteen dollars and thirty-three cents (\$13.33)]~~ *twenty (\$20.00) dollars* EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (\$18.00) per week per term for each full-time student at any community college, not to exceed a maximum of ~~[two hundred dollars (\$200.00)]~~ *three hundred dollars (\$300.00)* TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$270.00) for any student for one full term. ~~The State Superintendent of Schools~~ THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES 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.