

(2) any money remaining in the fund shall be disbursed as required by § 2-512(c) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article as it was in effect on June 30, 2006.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding Title 2, Subtitle 6 of the Tax - General Article, if the Administrative Office of the Courts certifies to the Comptroller that a county or Baltimore City is more than 90 days in arrears in paying the amounts due under § 2-512(c) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article as it was in effect on June 30, 2006, or under Section 2 of this Act, the Comptroller shall withhold from the county income tax otherwise due to be distributed to the county or Baltimore City and shall pay to the Administrative Office of the Courts the amount due.

SECTION ~~3~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.

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## CHAPTER 367

(House Bill 988)

AN ACT concerning

### **Higher Education - Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grants**

FOR the purpose of consolidating certain workforce shortage and economic development student scholarship and grant programs in the Maryland Higher Education Commission into the new Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant program; providing for the purpose of the program; requiring the Commission and the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Commission to administer the program; establishing eligibility criteria for grant awards and award amounts under the program; authorizing grants to be used for certain purposes; requiring the Commission during a certain time period to identify and designate certain workforce shortage fields as eligible under the program; requiring the Secretary of Higher Education to appoint an Advisory Council on Workforce Shortage; providing for the membership of the Advisory Council; requiring the Advisory Council to carry out certain duties; providing for certain workforce shortage fields to be included in the grant program under certain circumstances; requiring a certain service obligation as a condition of receiving certain grants; authorizing the Office to defer a service obligation under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to confer with a certain council when making certain grant awards; establishing the Workforce Shortage Student Grant Fund in the Commission; directing the Commission to use certain gifts and grants for the Fund in a certain manner; requiring the Commission to prepare a certain annual report regarding the Fund; requiring the Commission to adopt certain guidelines or regulations; prohibiting the Commission from awarding certain scholarships and grants after a certain date; defining certain terms; repealing certain workforce shortage and economic development student