Enacted May 26, 2006.

CHAPTER 633

(House Bill 1659)

AN ACT concerning

State Personnel - Student Loan Repayment Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of altering the manner in which a unit of State government that participates in the student loan repayment pilot program may repay a student loan previously taken out by an employee of the unit; altering the terms for the repayment of a student loan that an employee must agree to in order to be eligible for benefits under the pilot program; extending the termination date of the pilot program; and generally relating to the student loan repayment pilot program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 10-503 and 10-505

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 535 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2005

Section 2

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

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

10-503.

- (a) To recruit or retain highly qualified personnel, the head of a participating unit may establish a student loan repayment pilot program under which the participating unit agrees to repay[, by direct payments made on behalf of an employee of the participating unit,] a student loan previously taken out by [the] AN employee OF THE PARTICIPATING UNIT.
- (B) A PARTICIPATING UNIT MAY REPAY A STUDENT LOAN BY MAKING A PAYMENT DIRECTLY TO:
 - (1) A LENDER ON BEHALF OF AN EMPLOYEE; OR
- (2) AN EMPLOYEE, IF THE EMPLOYEE PROVIDES PROOF SATISFACTORY TO THE PARTICIPATING UNIT THAT THE PAYMENT HAS BEEN USED TO REPAY THE EMPLOYEE'S STUDENT LOAN.