

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

Article - Education

16-305.

(c) (1) (i) The total State operating fund per full-time equivalent student to the community colleges for each fiscal year as requested by the Governor shall be:

1. In [each of] fiscal [years 2003 and 2004] YEAR 2007, not less than an amount equal to [23.1%] 25% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the previous fiscal year;

2. In fiscal year [2005] 2008, not less than an amount equal to [24%] ~~26%~~ 25.5% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the previous fiscal year; [and]

3. In fiscal year [2006] 2009, [and each fiscal year thereafter,] not less than an amount equal to [25%] ~~27%~~ ~~26%~~ 26.25% of the State's General Fund appropriation per full-time equivalent student to the 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State[, ] as designated by the Commission for the purpose of administering the Joseph A. Sellinger Program under Title 17 of this article in the previous fiscal year;

4. IN FISCAL YEAR 2010, NOT LESS THAN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ~~28%~~ ~~26.5%~~ 27% OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE JOSEPH A. SELLINGER PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 17 OF THIS ARTICLE IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR;

5. IN FISCAL YEAR 2011, NOT LESS THAN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ~~29%~~ ~~27%~~ 28% OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE JOSEPH A. SELLINGER PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 17 OF THIS ARTICLE IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR; AND

6. IN FISCAL YEAR 2012 ~~AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER~~, NOT LESS THAN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ~~30%~~ ~~27.5%~~ 29% OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE JOSEPH A. SELLINGER PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 17 OF THIS ARTICLE IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR; AND