

(G) IF THE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS WITH A PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER OR OTHER ENTITY TO ADMINISTER THE MARYLAND RX PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER CONTRACTING WITH A NONPROFIT ENTITY.

(H) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act do not apply to any contract entered into under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefit Plan before January 1, 2006 by the Department of Budget and Management for the purchase of prescription drugs.

~~SECTION 2. 3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

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## CHAPTER 429

### (House Bill 1304)

AN ACT concerning

#### Student Financial Assistance Reform Act of 2005

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the eligibility requirements for the Sharon Christa McAuliffe Memorial Teacher Education Tuition Assistance Program; altering the number of years certain students may receive a grant under the Program; altering the service obligation requirements to enable certain recipients of the Maryland State Nursing Scholarship Program to perform certain service obligations working as a in certain as a in certain full-time or part-time nurse nursing or faculty positions nurse nursing or faculty positions; authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to award certain nursing scholarships to a nursing student attending a certain out-of-state institution if a certain letter is provided to the Commission and a certain verification based on certain information is made by the Commission; requiring the Commission to give priority to certain students; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to waive the repayment of certain grant awards; providing that the repayment of certain grant awards by certain recipients shall be forgiven at certain rates; establishing the Distinguished Scholar Program for Community College Transfer Students in the Maryland Higher Education Commission; establishing eligibility criteria for scholarships awards and award amounts under the Program; authorizing awards to be used for certain purposes; requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the annual budget submission for certain programs for a certain program for a certain fiscal years year; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish a certain workgroup to study the consolidation of certain grant programs; requiring the workgroup to include certain representatives; requiring the Commission to issue a certain report; declaring the intent of the General Assembly altering a certain~~