

relating to a Student Loan Repayment Pilot Program for employees of certain units of State government.

BY adding to

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 10–501 through 10–507, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Student Loan Repayment Pilot Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

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Preamble

WHEREAS, To facilitate the recruitment and retention of highly qualified employees, the federal government has established a program under which a federal agency may repay the student loans of its merit employees; and

WHEREAS, Authorizing the Department of Budget and Management ~~and~~, the Department of Legislative Services, and the Department of Juvenile Services to offer a similar program on a pilot basis that would demonstrate how such a program could enhance the State’s ability to recruit and retain highly qualified employees; now, therefore,

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

**Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

**SUBTITLE 5. STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PILOT PROGRAM.**

10–501.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10–101 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(C) “PARTICIPATING UNIT” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT ~~OR~~, THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, OR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES.

(D) “PROGRAM” MEANS A STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10–503 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(E) “STUDENT LOAN” MEANS A LOAN MADE:

(1) BY THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; AND

(2) TO A STUDENT TO PAY EXPENSES RELATED TO THE STUDENT’S ATTENDANCE AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.