

college funding to provide a total grant of almost \$90 million. This amount represents 32 percent of total community college operating expenses. The goal of the State aid formula is for State support to reach 46 percent of community college operating expenses by Fiscal Year 1996. In vetoing this bill, it is not my intent to jeopardize funding for the State's community college system. However, the State's commitment to fulfill its goals under the State aid formula should be met before other targeted funding methods are adopted.

It has been predicted that in the near future, the growth in spending, as a result of existing statutory requirements, will far outweigh projected revenue growth. It is unwise at this time to tie the hands of the future executive with additional spending mandates. However, the next Governor can continue to enhance community college funding by allocating additional State resources to the State aid formula for community colleges in the budget.

I do not believe that this is the appropriate time to establish an ESOL grant program for community colleges. To do so would not be the most equitable or appropriate manner to distribute the State's limited resources available to the community colleges.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 722.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 722**

AN ACT concerning

**Community Colleges – Funding of English for Speakers of Other Languages Programs**

FOR the purpose of funding programs for students who are enrolled in English for Speakers of Other Languages programs and enrolled in community colleges in the State; setting certain criteria to qualify for the grant; specifying a certain limitation on the total amount of grants provided under this Act; providing for the repayment of any excess funds to the General Fund of the State; and generally relating to funding English for Speakers of Other Languages programs.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section. 16-403(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

**Article – Education**

16-403.