

(b) Each recipient of an Educational Excellence Award who is enrolled in an associate degree program as permitted in § 18-303(b)(1) of this subtitle may hold the award for 3 years if the same conditions of subsection (a) of this section are met.

(c) Each recipient of an Educational Excellence Award may hold the award for a 5th year if the recipient:

(1) Is enrolled in an academic program that, as determined by the institution, requires 5 years to complete; or

(2) Provides evidence, satisfactory to the State Scholarship Administration, of extenuating financial, academic, or other circumstances that prevent the recipient from completing the academic program in 4 years.

(d) [Each recipient of an Educational Excellence Award shall, upon completion of the freshman year, have achieved a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, and maintain this minimum grade point average throughout the remainder of the award or, failing to do so, provide evidence satisfactory to the State Scholarship Administration of extenuating circumstances.

(e) In addition to the requirements for renewal of an Educational Excellence Award under subsections (a), (b), AND (c)[, and (d)] of this section, a recipient of a Guaranteed Access Grant shall hold the grant for not more than 5 consecutive years or, failing to do so, provide evidence satisfactory to the State Scholarship Administration of extenuating circumstances.

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(d) [A] EXCEPT FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS GRANTED UNDER § 18-301 OF THIS TITLE, A recipient of a grant under this subtitle may not receive any other form of State-sponsored financial assistance.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 27, 1999.

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**CHAPTER 695**

**(House Bill 1196)**

AN ACT concerning

**Community Colleges - College of Southern Maryland**

FOR the purpose of creating the College of Southern Maryland as a successor to the Charles County Community College; creating a Board of Trustees for the governance of the College of Southern Maryland; providing for membership on the Board of Trustees; specifying the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees; specifying the duties of the president of the College of Southern Maryland; providing for a budget for the operation of the College of Southern Maryland;