

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 7-208(b)(4) and (g) of the Education Article, in fiscal year 2001, from the amount appropriated for the Maryland Academic Intervention and Support Program, the State Board shall distribute \$70,000 to each county board to cover start-up costs associated with implementing the program.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 7-317(d) and (g) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, in fiscal year 2001, the Cigarette Restitution Fund established under § 7-317 of the State Finance and Procurement Article may be used to fund the implementation of: (i) the Governor's Teacher Salary Challenge Program established under § 5-213 of the Education Article; (ii) Section 4 of this Act; and (iii) Section 5 of this Act. In fiscal year 2001 and 2002, the Governor may transfer or appropriate funds by budget amendment or otherwise from the Cigarette Restitution Fund: (i) to the Transitional Education Fund created under this Act as necessary to fund the Governor's Teacher Salary Challenge Program in fiscal years 2001 and 2002; and (ii) to support the expenditures required under Sections 4 and 5 of this Act in fiscal years 2001 and 2002.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~\$21 million~~ \$19.5 million of the funds credited in fiscal year 2001 to the Cigarette Restitution Fund established under § 7-317 of the State Finance and Procurement Article may only be used to fund the Maryland Academic Intervention and Support Program established under § 7-208 of the Education Article as enacted by this Act.

SECTION 2. ~~6.~~ 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000. ~~§~~ Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 18, 2000.

CHAPTER 494

(House Bill 11)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Prepaid College Trust and Maryland College Investment Plan

FOR the purpose of changing the name of the Maryland Higher Education Investment Program to the Maryland Prepaid College Trust; authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Investment Board to provide for certain rebates to owners of prepaid contracts under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to allow the transfer of funds from certain ~~tuition~~ state tuition programs to other state tuition programs under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor under certain circumstances to include a certain amount for the Maryland Prepaid College Trust in the annual budget submitted to the General Assembly; providing that certain amounts paid into the Program by the State shall