

~~(3) HAS THE POTENTIAL TO COMPLETE SUCCESSFULLY A REGULAR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM LEADING TO GRADUATION FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL, AND~~

~~(4) BECAUSE OF HOME AND COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT OR THE LINGERING EFFECTS OF HISTORICAL PATTERNS OF DISCRIMINATION, IS SUBJECT TO LANGUAGE, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGES THAT WILL MAKE THE EVENTUAL SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A COLLEGE CURRICULUM DIFFICULT WITHOUT SPECIAL EFFORTS BY STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN THE AREAS OF COLLEGE READINESS, TEACHER PREPARATION, AND FINANCIAL AID.~~

~~18-10A-02.~~

~~(A) DURING THE SCHOOL YEARS 2001-2002 THROUGH 2004-2005, THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE K-16 PARTNERSHIP, SHALL ADMINISTER A PROGRAM OF COLLEGE READINESS ESCROW ACCOUNTS FROM WHICH STUDENTS MAY DRAW FUNDS TO PAY FOR TUITION, FEES, AND TEXTBOOKS AT MARYLAND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR DISADVANTAGED AND CAPABLE STUDENTS WHO:~~

~~(1) ENROLL IN CORE COLLEGE PREPARATION COURSES WHILE ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL, AND~~

~~(2) (I) ARE FROM LOW INCOME OR MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES, OR
(II) WOULD BE THE FIRST GENERATION OF THEIR FAMILY TO ATTEND AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.~~

~~(B) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2003 AND ENDING IN 2005, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON:~~

~~(1) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM IN THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR, REPORTED BY THE RACE, ETHNICITY, AND GENDER OF THE PARTICIPANTS, AND~~

~~(2) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR WHO ENTERED DEGREE PROGRAMS AT 2 YEAR OR 4 YEAR INSTITUTIONS, REPORTED BY THE RACE, ETHNICITY, AND GENDER OF THE GRADUATES.~~

~~(C) (1) UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE TREASURER SHALL ESTABLISH AND HOLD FOR EACH STUDENT A COLLEGE READINESS ESCROW ACCOUNT AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, TO WHICH THE COMMISSION SHALL ADD FUNDS AS THE STUDENT COMPLETES CORE COLLEGE PREPARATION COURSES AND ENROLLS IN ADDITIONAL CORE COLLEGE PREPARATION COURSES.~~

~~(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL BASE THE AMOUNT OF THE FUNDS WHICH THE COMMISSION ADDS TO A COLLEGE READINESS ESCROW ACCOUNT ON FACTORS~~