

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.

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**CHAPTER 429**

**(House Bill 661)**

AN ACT concerning

**College Readiness for Disadvantaged and Capable Students Act of 2002**

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the Maryland Professional Development Program in the State Department of Education; providing for the purpose of the Maryland Professional Development Program; requiring the Department to distribute certain grants to counties for certain purposes; providing that the Maryland Professional Development Program may include certain elements; requiring that funds for the Maryland Professional Development Program be provided in the State budget; requiring the Department~~ State Department of Education to distribute a grant in certain amounts to ~~each county~~ certain counties for the administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test; changing the name of the State Scholarship Administration; requiring the Governor to include a certain amount of funds in the budget for certain need-based programs; providing for students to qualify in a certain grade for a Guaranteed Access Grant; requiring certain students to agree to certain conditions in order to receive a Guaranteed Access Grant in certain years; establishing the College Readiness Outreach Program in the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the State Department of Education; providing that the College Readiness Outreach Program will provide certain assistance to certain students; providing certain State funding for the College Readiness Outreach Program; providing for certain institutions of higher education to make Education Excellence Awards to certain students in certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish certain guidelines and adopt certain regulations for certain awards by certain institutions of higher education; requiring certain institutions of higher education to provide an audit describing the disposition of certain funds; providing for the allocation of funds to certain institutions of higher education by the Maryland Higher Education Commission; establishing the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program for certain students at certain institutions of higher education; establishing certain eligibility standards for the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program; providing for certain scholarship amounts; providing certain funding for the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish certain guidelines and adopt certain regulations for the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program; requiring certain institutions of higher education to provide an audit describing the disposition of certain funds; ~~requiring the Department to review current pay for teachers and school administrators and~~