

~~(b) The Governor shall include an appropriation of at least \$1.2 million in the State budget in fiscal 2003 for the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the State Department of Education for a pilot of the College Readiness Outreach Program for up to 1,000 students in Allegany, Prince George's, and Wicomico counties and Baltimore City; and~~

(b) In the first year of implementation, to the extent that funds are available, the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the State Department of Education shall implement the College Readiness Outreach Program for up to 1,000 students in Allegany, Prince George's, and Wicomico counties and Baltimore City; and

(c) As funds are provided in the State budget, additional counties shall be added to the College Readiness Outreach Program until students from all counties in Maryland are participating in the Program; and

(d) On or before July 1, 2007, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in consultation with the State Department of Education, shall:

(1) Complete a performance evaluation of the College Readiness Outreach Program that shall evaluate both the outcomes and the effectiveness of the Program; and

(2) Report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the performance evaluation and any recommendations for increasing the effectiveness of the Program.

~~SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor include \$3 million in the State budget in fiscal 2003 to implement Education Excellence Awards to be made by institutions of higher education in the State established under § 18-307(d) of the Education Article.~~

SECTION ~~10.~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any reference in the Annotated Code rendered obsolete by this Act shall be corrected by the publisher of the Annotated Code, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, with no further action required by the General Assembly. The publisher of the Annotated Code shall adequately describe any such correction in an editor's note following the section affected.

SECTION ~~11.~~ 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.