

Preamble

WHEREAS, The Maryland Higher Education Commission conducted a comprehensive review of the State's student financial aid programs over a 2-year period; and

WHEREAS, The analysis concluded that the financial aid needs of Maryland students are not being adequately served; and

WHEREAS, To ensure that access and choice are available to all Marylanders, existing scholarship programs have been modified, obsolete programs have been abolished, and new programs have been created; and

WHEREAS, The Free State Grant Program has been created for the dual purposes of increasing opportunities available to low income, high risk students and expanding financial aid to students from low to moderate income families; and

WHEREAS, Federal financial assistance and a family's contribution will be used to cover a portion of a student's educational costs and the grants available through the Free State Grant Program will primarily address the costs associated with tuition and fees; and

WHEREAS, In recognition that over 50% of all undergraduate Maryland students attend college on a part-time basis, a new part-time grant program has been created to fulfill the financial needs of those students; and

WHEREAS, A Math/Science Student Corps has been created for the purpose of encouraging Maryland students to pursue careers in fields requiring math and science skills; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) ~~18-605~~; 18-701 and the subtitle "Subtitle 7. Scholarships for Teachers of the Deaf"; 18-802 and 18-804(e) through (h); 18-1401 through 18-1406 and the subtitle "Subtitle 14. Tuition Assistance - Education of Persons to Teach in an Area of Critical Shortage"; 18-1701 through 18-1705 and the subtitle "Subtitle 17. Tuition Assistance - Education of Physical and Occupational Therapists"; and 18-1801 through 18-1805 and the subtitle "Subtitle 18. Tuition Assistance Program for Child Care Providers" of Article - Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

18-106.

(a) Each year, money for each award program under this title shall be included in the State budget.

(b) [Any] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, money appropriated under this section that is not used by the end of the fiscal year reverts to the State treasury.