

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall submit a report to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs and House Ways and Means Committees by September 1, 1993 identifying the potential number of students that will be eligible to receive a ~~Free State an Educational Excellence~~ Award in Fiscal Year 1996; giving the number of, and demographic data on, students who fall below the 2.5 grade point average, but otherwise would qualify for a Guaranteed Access Grant under the ~~Free State Educational Excellence Award Program~~ in Fiscal Year 1996; evaluating the effectiveness of statewide early intervention activities; estimating of the fiscal impact of the ~~Free State Grant Education Excellence Award Program~~ on the State's Fiscal Year 1996 operating budget; and providing any other information the Commission deems relevant.

~~SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That based upon the study of the Free State Grant Program submitted by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Maryland General Assembly shall establish the distribution of funds between the Guaranteed Access and Educational Assistance Grant Programs of the Free State Grant Program.~~

SECTION 6. ~~9. 8.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 7. ~~10. 9.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1, 2, 4, and 6, 7, and 8, and 9 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

SECTION 8. ~~11. 10.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1995.

SECTION 9. ~~12. 11.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 5 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1992.

May 24, 1991

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 254.

House Bill 254 would prohibit a former public official or employee of the State from assisting or representing a party, other than the State, in a matter involving State government for 12 months after leaving State service. This prohibition applies to any matter which was within the responsibilities of the official or employee at any time during the last year of that person's employment. The bill specifically exempts members of the