

for State community colleges; defining certain terms; setting forth how a certain match will be determined and how certain payments will be made; requiring that the payments made to certain institutions not exceed a certain amount; establishing certain eligibility criteria; providing for the application of certain funds; prohibiting certain funds from being included in the computation of a certain type of aid; providing for the administration of the Program; and generally relating to an Innovative Partnerships for Technology Program for State community colleges.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 16-317

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Public-private partnerships are becoming increasingly important to the success of Maryland's community colleges; and

WHEREAS, A good example of such a partnership is the Advanced Technology Center Initiative, which has led to regional cooperative training efforts in the area of technology amongst community colleges, local businesses, and county governments; and

WHEREAS, While public-private partnerships have grown dramatically over the last decade, community colleges continue to face fiscal constraints in providing the most up-to-date technology required by today's businesses and students; and

WHEREAS, The creation of an Innovative Partnerships for Technology Program would provide a means of acquiring technology through a public-private effort, whereby State funds can be used to leverage private ~~and local~~ support for community colleges; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

16-317.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "BASE YEAR" MEANS JULY 1, 1997 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1998.

(3) "CONTRIBUTION" MEANS MONETARY AND EQUIPMENT DONATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ASSESSED A MONETARY VALUE AMOUNT FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE STATE PAYMENT.