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

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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.
- (4) (I) "ELIGIBLE DONOR" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR OTHER FORM OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATION, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FOUNDATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.