SENATE BILL 610

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By: Senators King, Edwards, Elfreth, Feldman, Griffith, Guzzone, Peters, and Serafini

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

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Community Colleges – Supplemental Services and Supports for Students With Disabilities Grant Program

- 4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain guidelines or regulations for a grant program for 5 supplemental services and supports for students with disabilities; requiring, 6 beginning in a certain fiscal year, that the Governor include in the annual budget 7 bill at least a certain appropriation to the Maryland Higher Education Commission 8 to be used to award grants for a certain program; requiring grants to be distributed 9 in a certain manner; requiring certain uses of grant funds; and generally relating to 10 the grant program for supplemental services and supports for students with 11 disabilities in community colleges.
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 13 Article Education
- 14 Section 16–319
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 Article – Education

- 20 16–319.
- 21 (a) The Commission shall establish and administer a grant program for 22 supplemental services and supports for students with disabilities in community colleges.
- 23 (b) (1) The Commission, in cooperation with the Department of Disabilities,

- 1 shall:
- 2 **[**(1)**] (I)** Establish a competitive review process for the awarding of grants 3 to community colleges; and
- 4 [(2)] (II) Adopt any other guidelines or regulations necessary for the 5 administration of this section.
- 6 (2) THE GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE
 7 STUDENTS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION FROM A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR MENTAL
 8 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL.
- 9 (C) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, 10 THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL A GENERAL FUND 11 APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$2,500,000 TO THE COMMISSION TO BE USED TO 12 AWARD GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 13 (2) Grants shall be distributed based on costs associated 14 with serving students.
- 15 (3) COMMUNITY COLLEGES SHALL USE THE GRANT TO SERVE 16 STUDENTS, INCLUDING COSTS OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS, READERS, 17 CONVERTING COURSE MATERIALS FOR AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 18 COMPLIANCE, TUTORS, NOTE-TAKERS, AND SPECIALIZED SOFTWARE.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.