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The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President
Senate of Maryland
H-107 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Adrienne Jones
Speaker
Maryland House of Delegates
H-101 State House
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**Re: *Report on the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and
College Access Program***
Report #11672

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones,

As stated in §11-1106 of the Education Article:

- “ (a) The Commission shall prepare a report on the Program that includes:
- (1) A summary of the reports received from the participating nonprofit organizations regarding the Program;
 - (2) The amount of funds distributed each fiscal year;
 - (3) Information regarding the effectiveness of the Program, including whether students matriculate and remain continuously enrolled in higher education as a result of the Program; and
 - (4) If an eligible wait list exists, the number of nonprofit organizations on the wait list.
- (b) On or before December 1 each year, the Commission shall submit a copy of the report required under subsection (a) of this section to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

The Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Program is a program created in §11-1101 of the Education Article that provides “funding for nonprofit organizations that are already established in communities to provide targeted outreach to encourage low-income students to enroll in college.” This program did not receive funding in FY21.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact Mr. Lee Towers at 410-767-3059, or lee.towers@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Dr. James D. Fielder, Jr.
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