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Attorney General Frosh Announces \$400,000 Judgment Against Sojourner-Douglass College, Inc.

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (August 30, 2017) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that he has secured a consent judgment against Sojourner-Douglass College, Inc. in the amount of \$400,190. The consent judgment was entered into pursuant to a settlement agreement between the State and the college.

The consent judgment resolves claims that Sojourner-Douglass College accepted funds pursuant to the State’s Nursing Support Program II grant program and failed to properly use or account for those funds. The Nursing Support Program II is funded by the Health Services Cost Review Commission and administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission. It provides grants to institutes of higher education aimed at increasing the number of nurses in Maryland.

“Sojourner-Douglass did not spend its grant money on activities that were authorized, nor did they even document what they had spent the money on,” said Attorney General Frosh. “State grant funds not used for the intended purpose must be returned.”

The Maryland Attorney General’s Office filed suit against Sojourner-Douglass College in November 2016 alleging that the college failed to spend the grant funds on authorized activities, to account for its use of the funds, and to return unused funds to the State.

In making the announcement, the Attorney General thanked Assistant Attorney General Shelly Marie Martin for her work on the case.