

HOUSE BILL 854

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – College Admissions Outreach Program for**
3 **High–Achieving Students – Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the College Admissions Outreach Program for
5 High–Achieving Students; requiring the Maryland Higher Education
6 Commission and the Maryland State Department of Education, in collaboration
7 with certain educational officials, agencies, and organizations, to jointly
8 administer the Program; requiring the Program to provide certain information
9 on the college admissions process to certain students free of charge; requiring
10 the Commission and the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining
11 certain terms; and generally relating to the College Admissions Outreach
12 Program for High–Achieving Students.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 18–303.2

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **18–303.2.**

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

24 (2) “ELIGIBLE STUDENT” MEANS A STUDENT WHO:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (I) IS IN THE 12TH GRADE AT A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE
2 STATE;

3 (II) IS ACADEMICALLY HIGH ACHIEVING; AND

4 (III) QUALIFIES FOR A GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT UNDER
5 THIS SUBTITLE.

6 (3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OUTREACH
7 PROGRAM FOR HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS.

8 (B) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION
9 WITH COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS, AND
10 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SHALL JOINTLY ADMINISTER THE
11 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR HIGH-ACHIEVING
12 STUDENTS.

13 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO ENCOURAGE MORE
14 STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR A GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT TO ENROLL IN
15 AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT IS A GOOD ACADEMIC AND
16 FINANCIAL FIT FOR THE STUDENT.

17 (D) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO
18 EACH ELIGIBLE STUDENT AT NO COST TO THE STUDENT:

19 (1) INFORMATION ON COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND COLLEGE
20 APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS; AND

21 (2) MATERIAL ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO APPLY TO AT LEAST
22 FOUR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION DURING THE STUDENT'S
23 APPLICATION PROCESS.

24 (E) FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE
25 BUDGET.

26 (F) (1) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT
27 REGULATIONS TO DEFINE A "HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENT".

28 (2) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT ANY
29 OTHER REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2014.