

SENATE BILL 959

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships – Reimbursement of**
3 **Certificate and License Programs**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain recipients of a senatorial scholarship to use the
5 scholarship to reimburse certain expenses; exempting certain applicants from the
6 requirement that certain senatorial scholarship recipients take a certain
7 examination and be enrolled in certain institutions; authorizing certain students to
8 use a delegate scholarship to reimburse certain expenses; making certain stylistic
9 changes; and generally relating to the use of senatorial and delegate scholarships for
10 the reimbursement of certificate and license programs at community colleges.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Education
13 Section 18–401 and 18–501(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Education
18 Section 18–402(a), 18–405(a), 18–406, and 18–506
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Education**

24 18–401.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 There is a program of senatorial scholarships in this State that are awarded under
2 this subtitle.

3 18-402.

4 (a) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)** of this
5 subsection, each applicant for a senatorial scholarship shall:

6 (i) Take a competitive examination administered by the Office; and

7 (ii) Be accepted for admission in the regular undergraduate,
8 graduate, or professional program at an eligible institution; or be enrolled in a 2-year
9 terminal certificate program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for
10 an accredited baccalaureate program in an eligible institution.

11 (2) An applicant is exempt from the examination if the applicant:

12 (i) Is attending an eligible institution and has completed at least 1
13 year in good academic standing at the institution;

14 (ii) Graduated from high school at least 5 years before application
15 for a senatorial scholarship;

16 (iii) Is accepted for admission to a private career institution, if the
17 institution's curriculum is approved by the Commission, and the institution is accredited
18 by a national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of
19 Education; or

20 (iv) Is planning to attend or is attending a Maryland community
21 college.

22 **(3) AN APPLICANT IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF**
23 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE APPLICANT IS OR WAS ENROLLED IN A**
24 **CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE PROGRAM AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.**

25 18-405.

26 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a senatorial scholarship
27 may be used only at any **COMMUNITY COLLEGE**, undergraduate, graduate, or professional
28 school in the State.

29 18-406.

30 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each recipient of a senatorial
31 scholarship may hold the scholarship for 4 undergraduate academic years, subject to §
32 18-406.1 of this subtitle, and 4 graduate academic years if the recipient:

1 (1) Is a full-time student;

2 (2) Continues to be a resident of this State; and

3 (3) Continues to be a student at the institution and takes at least 12
4 semester hours of courses as an undergraduate or 9 semester hours of courses as a graduate
5 student each semester leading to a degree.

6 (b) A recipient of an undergraduate or graduate senatorial scholarship may hold
7 the scholarship, appropriately prorated, for 8 academic years if [he] **THE RECIPIENT:**

8 (1) Is a part-time student;

9 (2) Continues to be a resident of this State; and

10 (3) Continues to be a student at the institution and takes at least 6
11 semester hours of courses each semester leading to a degree.

12 (c) Any recipient of a senatorial scholarship may use up to one-half of the yearly
13 award for summer school.

14 (d) A recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is enrolled in a terminal certificate
15 program as provided in § 18-402(a) of this subtitle may hold the scholarship for 2 years if
16 [he] **THE RECIPIENT** is a full-time student and otherwise meets the conditions of
17 subsection (a) of this section, or may hold the scholarship for 4 years if [he] **THE**
18 **RECIPIENT** is a part-time student and otherwise meets the conditions of subsection (b) of
19 this section.

20 **(E) A RECIPIENT OF A SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS CURRENTLY**
21 **ENROLLED, OR WAS ENROLLED WITHIN THE LAST 2 YEARS, IN A CERTIFICATE OR**
22 **LICENSE PROGRAM AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AS PROVIDED IN § 18-402(A)(3) OF**
23 **THIS SUBTITLE, MAY USE THE SCHOLARSHIP TO REIMBURSE EDUCATIONAL**
24 **EXPENSES AS DEFINED BY THE OFFICE UNDER § 18-405(B)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

25 **[(e)] (F)** Each recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is enrolled in a private
26 postsecondary proprietary institution that is accredited by a national accrediting
27 association approved by the United States Department of Education:

28 (1) May hold the scholarship for the completion of one program if the
29 student otherwise meets the conditions of subsection (a)(1) and (2) of this section; and

30 (2) Shall complete the program within the length of time prescribed by the
31 institution for the completion of the program.

32 18-501.

1 (a) There is a program of Delegate Scholarships in this State that are awarded
2 under this subtitle.

3 18–506.

4 (a) As an alternative to the scholarship awards authorized by §§ 18–503 through
5 18–505 of this subtitle, and subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, during
6 each year in office each Delegate may award scholarships in a total amount equal to four
7 times the tuition and mandatory fees for a full–time undergraduate student enrolled at the
8 University of Maryland, College Park Campus for the academic year commencing in that
9 year.

10 (b) A scholarship award under subsection (a) of this section:

11 (1) May not be for an amount less than \$200 or more than one–half of the
12 total amount of scholarships authorized by subsection (a) of this section for that year;

13 (2) Shall be used at an eligible institution;

14 (3) May be used by:

15 (i) A graduate, undergraduate, or professional student; [or]

16 (ii) A student at a private career school within the State that is
17 approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 11–202 of this article
18 and that is accredited by a national accrediting association that is approved by the United
19 States Department of Education; [and] **OR**

20 **(III) A STUDENT WHO IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED OR WAS**
21 **ENROLLED IN THE LAST 2 YEARS IN A CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE PROGRAM AT A**
22 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE, APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR**
23 **EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES; AND**

24 (4) To the extent it is not used by the student, shall be recredited to the
25 Delegate’s scholarship account and may be awarded in the next 12 months by that Delegate
26 to another student pursuant to this section.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2017.