

HOUSE BILL 1630

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By: **Delegates Vallario, Anderson, Angel, Branch, Conaway, Frush, Gibson, Haynes, J. Lewis, Proctor, Queen, Sanchez, Sydnor, and Valentino-Smith**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – James Proctor Scholarship Program – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the James Proctor Scholarship Program at historically
4 black colleges and universities; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring
5 each historically black college or university to apply funding from the Program to the
6 tuition and fees of certain students; requiring certain financial aid to be applied first
7 to certain tuition and fees; requiring each historically black college or university to
8 administer the Program and to adopt certain policies; requiring the Governor to
9 include in the State budget an appropriation of at least a certain amount for
10 scholarships under the Program; requiring that certain funds be divided and
11 distributed equally to each historically black college or university; defining certain
12 terms; and generally relating to the James Proctor Scholarship Program.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 18–2101 through 18–2106 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 21. James
16 Proctor Scholarship Program”

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 **SUBTITLE 21. JAMES PROCTOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

23 **18–2101.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
2 INDICATED.

3 (B) "HBCU" MEANS THE FOLLOWING HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES
4 AND UNIVERSITIES:

5 (1) BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;

6 (2) COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY;

7 (3) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

8 (4) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE.

9 (C) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE JAMES PROCTOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
10 18-2102.

11 THERE IS A JAMES PROCTOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THE STATE.
12 18-2103.

13 THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS
14 WHO ATTEND AN HBCU.
15 18-2104.

16 (A) EACH HBCU SHALL APPLY FUNDING FROM THE PROGRAM TO THE
17 TUITION AND FEES OF AN ENROLLED STUDENT WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE.

18 (B) ANY STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, OTHER THAN A STUDENT LOAN,
19 RECEIVED BY A STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE PROGRAM
20 SHALL BE APPLIED FIRST TO PAY THE STUDENT'S TUITION AND FEES.

21 18-2105.

22 EACH HBCU SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM ON ITS CAMPUS AND SHALL
23 ADOPT POLICIES, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE, TO
24 ESTABLISH:

25 (1) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT RECEIVING A
26 SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE PROGRAM;

1 **(2) AWARD AMOUNTS TO BE GIVEN TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS;**

2 **(3) A PROCEDURE AND SCHEDULE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE**
3 **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROVIDED TO AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT; AND**

4 **(4) ANY OTHER POLICIES NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF**
5 **THE PROGRAM.**

6 **18-2106.**

7 **(A) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR**
8 **THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN**
9 **APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$400,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THE PROGRAM.**

10 **(B) THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
11 **SHALL BE DIVIDED AND DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY TO EACH HBCU.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2018.