

# SENATE BILL 18

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EMERGENCY BILL  
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By: **Senator Waugh**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Senatorial Scholarships – Private Career Schools**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for application for a senatorial scholarship  
4 to include students who are enrolled in private career schools; authorizing the use of  
5 a senatorial scholarship at certain private career schools; authorizing certain  
6 recipients of a senatorial scholarship to hold the scholarship for a certain duration  
7 under certain circumstances; authorizing the Maryland Higher Education  
8 Commission to make certain awards to certain applicants under certain  
9 circumstances; making certain stylistic changes; making this Act an emergency  
10 measure; and generally relating to the use of senatorial scholarships at private  
11 career schools.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Education  
14 Section 18–402(a), 18–405, 18–406, and 18–407(b)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 18–402.

21 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each applicant  
22 for a senatorial scholarship shall:

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) 1. Be accepted for admission in the regular undergraduate,  
2 graduate, or professional program at an eligible institution; [or]

3 2. Be enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in  
4 which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate  
5 program in an eligible institution; **OR**

6 **3. BE ENROLLED IN A PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL.**

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

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

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

12 (iii) Is accepted for admission to a private career [institution]  
13 **SCHOOL**, if the [institution's] **SCHOOL'S** curriculum is approved by the Commission, and  
14 the [institution] **SCHOOL** is accredited by a national accrediting association approved by  
15 the United States Department of Education; or

16 (iv) Is planning to attend or is attending a Maryland community  
17 college.

18 18-405.

19 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a senatorial scholarship  
20 may be used only at [any] **AN** undergraduate, graduate, or professional **INSTITUTION OR**  
21 **PRIVATE CAREER** school in the State.

22 (b) A senatorial scholarship may be used:

23 (1) If the curriculum is approved by the Commission, at a degree granting  
24 institution of higher education, **AT** a hospital diploma school for training registered nurses,  
25 [or to attend] **AT** a private postsecondary proprietary institution that is accredited by a  
26 national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of Education  
27 as a full-time student, **OR AT A PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL**; and

28 (2) For educational expenses as defined by the Office, including:

29 (i) Tuition and mandatory fees; and

30 (ii) Room and board.

31 (c) If on-campus housing is available, a senatorial scholarship may not be used

1 to pay for off-campus housing.

2 (d) Each Senator may award not more than 10 percent of the funds available  
3 under this subtitle to applicants planning to attend accredited undergraduate, graduate,  
4 or professional institutions **OR PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS** outside the State, provided  
5 the applicant:

6 (1) Will be studying in an academic area that is not available in the State;

7 (2) Is a hearing impaired person who will be studying at an institution  
8 outside the State that makes special provisions for hearing impaired students, and  
9 comparable special provisions are not available to the applicant at an institution in the  
10 State; or

11 (3) Is an individual who is on active duty with the United States military  
12 who is domiciled in this State.

13 18-406.

14 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each recipient of a senatorial  
15 scholarship may hold the scholarship for 4 undergraduate academic years, subject to §  
16 18-406.1 of this subtitle, and 4 graduate academic years if the recipient:

17 (1) Is a full-time student;

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

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

22 (b) A recipient of an undergraduate or graduate senatorial scholarship may hold  
23 the scholarship, appropriately prorated, for 8 academic years if the recipient:

24 (1) Is a part-time student;

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

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

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

30 (d) A recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is enrolled in a terminal certificate  
31 program as provided in § 18-402(a) of this subtitle may hold the scholarship for 2 years if  
32 [he is a full-time] **THE student IS ENROLLED FULL-TIME** and otherwise meets the

1 conditions of subsection (a) of this section, or may hold the scholarship for 4 years if [he is  
2 a part-time] **THE student IS ENROLLED PART-TIME** and otherwise meets the conditions  
3 of subsection (b) of this section.

4 (e) Each recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is enrolled in a **PRIVATE**  
5 **CAREER SCHOOL OR A** private postsecondary proprietary institution that is accredited by  
6 a national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of Education:

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

9 (2) Shall complete the program within the length of time prescribed by the  
10 **SCHOOL OR** institution for the completion of the program.

11 (f) A recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is an individual who is on active  
12 duty with the United States military and otherwise meets the conditions of subsection (a)  
13 or (b) of this section may be domiciled in this State rather than a resident of this State.

14 18-407.

15 (b) If any Senator fails to award all of the Senator's scholarships on or before  
16 September 1 of each year, the Commission shall make the remaining awards to applicants  
17 from the Senator's legislative district who:

18 (1) Scored highest on the competitive examination; or

19 (2) Are attending an eligible institution **OR PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL**  
20 and have completed at least 1 year in good academic standing.

21 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act is an emergency  
22 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has  
23 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to  
24 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
25 enacted.