

SENATE BILL 204

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2018

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Program;
4 specifying the purpose of the Program; requiring the Office of Student Financial
5 Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the
6 Program; specifying certain eligibility requirements for an applicant to the Program;
7 authorizing a certain scholarship award to be used at any eligible institution to pay
8 for certain education expenses; requiring a scholarship recipient to maintain a
9 certain grade point average; specifying a certain amount of time a recipient may hold
10 a certain scholarship; requiring a scholarship recipient to work for a unit of State
11 government in the cybersecurity field or teach in a public high school in the State in
12 a certain education program for a certain amount of time; requiring a scholarship
13 recipient to repay the Commission certain funds under certain circumstances;
14 authorizing the Office to waive repayment of certain funds under certain
15 circumstances; requiring funds for the Program to be as provided in the annual
16 budget by the Governor; requiring the Office to adopt certain regulations; defining
17 certain terms; and generally relating to the Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship
18 Program.

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Education

21 Section 18–3401 through 18–3406 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 34.
22 Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Program”

23 Annotated Code of Maryland

24 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

27 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **SUBTITLE 34. CYBERSECURITY PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

2 **18-3401.**

3 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
4 **INDICATED.**

5 **(B) “ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION” MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT**
6 **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT POSSESSES A**
7 **CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION.**

8 **(C) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE CYBERSECURITY PUBLIC SERVICE**
9 **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

10 **18-3402.**

11 **(A) THERE IS A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE CYBERSECURITY**
12 **PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THE STATE.**

13 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WHO ARE**
14 **PURSUING AN EDUCATION IN PROGRAMS THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO**
15 **CYBERSECURITY.**

16 **18-3403.**

17 **(A) THE OFFICE SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

18 **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY APPLY TO THE OFFICE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER**
19 **THIS SUBTITLE IF THE INDIVIDUAL:**

20 **(1) IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;**

21 **(2) IS A JUNIOR, SENIOR, OR GRADUATE STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED**
22 **FULL-TIME AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IN AN ACCREDITED DEGREE PROGRAM**
23 **THAT IS DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO CYBERSECURITY;**

24 **(3) IS WITHIN 2 YEARS OF GRADUATION FROM THE INDIVIDUAL’S**
25 **DEGREE PROGRAM;**

26 **(4) HAS MAINTAINED A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT**
27 **LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE; AND**

28 **(5) HAS NOT RECEIVED, AND HAS NO PLANS TO RECEIVE, A FEDERAL**

1 **CYBERCORPS SCHOLARSHIP FOR SERVICE.**

2 (C) A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE USED AT ANY
3 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION TO PAY FOR EDUCATION EXPENSES AS DEFINED BY THE
4 OFFICE, INCLUDING:

5 (1) TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES; AND

6 (2) ROOM AND BOARD.

7 (D) A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SHALL MAINTAIN A GRADE POINT AVERAGE
8 OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE.

9 (E) EACH RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY HOLD
10 THE AWARD FOR 2 YEARS OF FULL-TIME STUDY.

11 **18-3404.**

12 (A) FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT RECEIVES A
13 SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SHALL:

14 (1) WORK FOR A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT IN THE
15 CYBERSECURITY FIELD; OR

16 (2) TEACH IN A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE IN AN
17 EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT IS DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO CYBERSECURITY.

18 (B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 18-112 OF THIS TITLE, A SCHOLARSHIP
19 RECIPIENT SHALL REPAY THE COMMISSION THE FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THIS
20 SUBTITLE IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

21 (1) EARN CREDIT AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT AS DEFINED IN
22 REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE OFFICE FOR THE PROGRAM;

23 (2) COMPLETE AN ACCREDITED DEGREE PROGRAM THAT IS
24 DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO CYBERSECURITY AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; AND

25 (3) PERFORM THE WORK OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER
26 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

27 (C) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A RECIPIENT
28 SHALL BEGIN REPAYMENT AT ANY TIME DURING THE PERIOD THAT THE RECIPIENT
29 IS NO LONGER PERFORMING THE WORK OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER

1 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

2 (D) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, REPAYMENT
3 SHALL BE MADE TO THE STATE WITHIN 6 YEARS AFTER THE REPAYMENT PERIOD
4 BEGINS AND SHALL FOLLOW A REPAYMENT SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED BY THE
5 OFFICE.

6 (E) THE OFFICE MAY WAIVE OR DEFER REPAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF
7 DISABILITY OR EXTENDED SICKNESS THAT PREVENTS THE RECIPIENT FROM
8 FULFILLING THE WORK OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
9 SECTION.

10 18-3405.

11 FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET
12 OF THE COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

13 18-3406.

14 (A) THE OFFICE SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS
15 SUBTITLE.

16 (B) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
17 SHALL:

18 (1) IDENTIFY THE PROGRAMS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF §
19 18-3403(B)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

20 (2) DEFINE THE NUMBER OF CREDITS A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
21 MUST EARN AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2018.