

SENATE BILL 776

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By: **Senators Benson, Conway, Currie, Eckardt, Ferguson, Kelley, King, Lee, McFadden, Muse, Oaks, Robinson, and Smith**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **HBCU Internship in Maryland Government Scholarship Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the HBCU Internship in Maryland Government
4 Scholarship Program; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring the Office
5 of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission to
6 administer the Program, subject to a certain exception; requiring the Office to set
7 dates on or before which applications must be submitted; authorizing an HBCU to
8 nominate eligible students to participate in the Program; establishing the HBCU
9 Internship in Maryland Government Scholarship Committee; providing for the
10 composition and staffing of the Committee; prohibiting a member of the Committee
11 from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain
12 expenses; requiring the Committee to select a certain number of students each year
13 from each HBCU who have agreed to serve in government internships to participate
14 in the Program; requiring the Committee to select certain replacement students if
15 certain other students decline to participate in the Program; requiring that priority
16 for selection to participate in the Program be given to certain students; providing for
17 the Committee's selection and quorum requirements; requiring the Office to provide
18 scholarships on or before certain dates each year; requiring that the recipient of a
19 scholarship receive a certain amount; requiring the Office to adopt certain
20 regulations; authorizing the Office to adopt certain regulations; requiring the
21 Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill for certain
22 fiscal years to administer the Program; defining certain terms; and generally
23 relating to the HBCU Internship in Maryland Government Scholarship Program.

24 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
25 Article – Education
26 Section 10–101(a) and (o) and 18–101(a) and (c)
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY adding to
2 Article – Education
3 Section 18–3401 through 18–3408 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 34. HBCU
4 Internship in Maryland Government Scholarship Program”
5 Annotated Code of Maryland
6 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

9 **Article – Education**

10 10–101.

11 (a) In this division the following words have the meanings indicated.

12 (o) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Higher Education.

13 18–101.

14 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

15 (c) “Office” means the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

16 **SUBTITLE 34. HBCU INTERNSHIP IN MARYLAND GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP**
17 **PROGRAM.**

18 **18–3401.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
20 **INDICATED.**

21 **(B) “COMMITTEE” MEANS THE HBCU INTERNSHIP IN MARYLAND**
22 **GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.**

23 **(C) “ELIGIBLE STUDENT” MEANS A STUDENT WHO:**

24 **(1) ATTENDS AN HBCU; AND**

25 **(2) IS ELIGIBLE FOR IN–STATE TUITION.**

26 **(D) “GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP” MEANS A PAID OR UNPAID INTERNSHIP**
27 **WITH A UNIT OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF STATE GOVERNMENT.**

28 **(E) “HBCU” MEANS THE FOLLOWING HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES**

1 AND UNIVERSITIES:

2 (1) BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;

3 (2) COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY;

4 (3) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

5 (4) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE.

6 (F) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE HBCU INTERNSHIP IN MARYLAND
7 GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

8 18-3402.

9 THERE IS A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE HBCU INTERNSHIP IN
10 MARYLAND GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

11 18-3403.

12 (A) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO
13 HBCU STUDENTS SO THAT THEY MAY EXPLORE STATE GOVERNMENT CAREER
14 OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIPS.

15 (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 18-3405 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE OFFICE
16 SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

17 (C) THE OFFICE SHALL SET DATES ON OR BEFORE WHICH APPLICATIONS
18 MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
19 PROGRAM.

20 (D) AN HBCU MAY NOMINATE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
21 PROGRAM ON OR BEFORE THE DATES SET BY THE OFFICE UNDER SUBSECTION (C)
22 OF THIS SECTION.

23 18-3404.

24 (A) THERE IS AN HBCU INTERNSHIP IN MARYLAND GOVERNMENT
25 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

26 (B) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

27 (1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE

1 **PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

2 **(2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE**
3 **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**

4 **(3) THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

5 **(4) THE PRESIDENT OF BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE**
6 **PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;**

7 **(5) THE PRESIDENT OF COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE**
8 **PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;**

9 **(6) THE PRESIDENT OF MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE**
10 **PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE; AND**

11 **(7) THE PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN**
12 **SHORE, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE.**

13 **(C) THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE COMMITTEE.**

14 **(D) A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE:**

15 **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE**
16 **COMMITTEE; BUT**

17 **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**
18 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

19 **18-3405.**

20 **(A) (1) EACH YEAR, THE COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT 40 STUDENTS TO**
21 **PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM WITH 10 STUDENTS FROM EACH HBCU.**

22 **(2) IF FOR ANY REASON A SELECTED STUDENT DECLINES TO**
23 **PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, THE COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT A REPLACEMENT**
24 **STUDENT WHO ATTENDS THE SAME HBCU AS THE STUDENT WHO DECLINED TO**
25 **PARTICIPATE.**

26 **(B) (1) THE COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT STUDENTS WHO HAVE AGREED**
27 **TO SERVE IN A GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP.**

28 **(2) PRIORITY FOR SELECTION SHALL BE GIVEN TO ELIGIBLE**

1 STUDENTS WHO AGREE TO SERVE IN A PAID GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP.

2 (C) SELECTION BY THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY A
3 MAJORITY VOTE OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT.

4 (D) A MAJORITY OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

5 18-3406.

6 (A) THE OFFICE SHALL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS ON OR BEFORE:

7 (1) JANUARY 15 EACH YEAR FOR SPRING GOVERNMENT
8 INTERNSHIPS;

9 (2) MAY 1 EACH YEAR FOR SUMMER GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIPS;
10 AND

11 (3) AUGUST 1 EACH YEAR FOR FALL GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIPS.

12 (B) THE RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL
13 RECEIVE \$2,500 FROM THE OFFICE.

14 18-3407.

15 (A) THE OFFICE SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH:

16 (1) INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM;

17 (2) A PROCEDURE AND SCHEDULE FOR THE APPLICATION AND
18 CONSIDERATION FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP;

19 (3) A PROCEDURE AND SCHEDULE FOR THE PAYMENT OF A
20 SCHOLARSHIP TO AN AWARDEE UNDER THE PROGRAM; AND

21 (4) A PROCEDURE FOR THE REPAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP
22 AWARD IF A STUDENT DOES NOT FULFILL THE INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THE
23 PROGRAM.

24 (B) THE OFFICE MAY ADOPT ANY OTHER REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO
25 IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

26 18-3408.

1 **BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**
2 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL A GENERAL FUND**
3 **APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF AT LEAST \$150,000 TO ADMINISTER THE**
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2018.