

# SENATE BILL 260

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EMERGENCY BILL  
**ENROLLED BILL**

(9lr1484)

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Appropriations* —

Introduced by **Senators Pinsky, Ferguson, King, and Young**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Colleges – Maryland Community College Promise Scholarships –**  
3 **Revisions**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for a Maryland Community College  
5 Promise Scholarship; providing that certain eligible recipients remain eligible for the  
6 scholarship in a certain academic year notwithstanding certain eligibility criteria  
7 under certain circumstances; altering the employment requirements relating to a  
8 service obligation associated with a scholarship; authorizing a recipient to satisfy  
9 certain requirements relating to a service obligation associated with a scholarship  
10 under certain circumstances; authorizing a recipient to hold an award if the recipient  
11 continues to enroll in a certain sequence of courses or participate in a certain  
12 apprenticeship; altering the contents of a certain report; altering a certain definition;  
13 making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to Maryland  
14 Community College Promise Scholarships.

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
2 Article – Education  
3 Section 18–3601(d), 18–3603(b), 18–3604(b) through (d), and 18–3607  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Education**

9 18–3601.

10 (d) (1) “Tuition” means the basic instructional charge for courses offered at a  
11 community college.

12 (2) “Tuition” includes any fees for:

13 (i) Registration;

14 (ii) Application;

15 (iii) Administration;

16 (iv) Laboratory work; and

17 (v) Other mandatory fees.

18 (3) **“TUITION” DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

19 (I) **COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARTS OF A REGISTERED**  
20 **APPRENTICESHIP THAT TAKE PLACE AT A LOCATION THAT IS NOT A COMMUNITY**  
21 **COLLEGE; OR**

22 (II) **ANY FEES FOR ROOM AND BOARD THAT ARE RELATED TO AN**  
23 **ON-CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FOR STUDENTS.**

24 18–3603.

25 (b) An applicant is eligible for a Maryland Community College Promise  
26 Scholarship if the applicant:

27 (1) Is eligible for in-State tuition;

28 (2) Enrolls as a candidate for a vocational certificate, a certificate, or an  
29 associate’s degree **OR PARTICIPATES IN A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP** [at a

1 community college in the State] within 2 years after graduating from a high school or  
 2 successfully completing a GED in the State:

3 (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ~~ITEM (I)~~ ITEMS (II) AND (III) OF  
 4 THIS ITEM, AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OR, IN THE CASE  
 5 OF A REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, IN THE REGION, WHERE THE APPLICANT  
 6 LIVES; OR

7 (II) IF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OR  
 8 REGION WHERE THE APPLICANT LIVES DOES NOT OFFER THE DEGREE OR  
 9 CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN WHICH THE APPLICANT WANTS TO ENROLL, THEN AT  
 10 ANY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE THAT OFFERS THE PROGRAM; OR

11 (III) AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE THAT HAS AN  
 12 ON-CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FOR STUDENTS;

13 (3) Has earned ~~an overall high school~~ A CUMULATIVE grade point average  
 14 of at least 2.3 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent AT THE END OF THE FIRST SEMESTER OF  
 15 THE SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL;

16 (4) Has an annual adjusted gross income of not more than:

17 (i) \$100,000 if the applicant is single or resides in a single-parent  
 18 household; or

19 (ii) \$150,000 if the applicant is married or resides in a two-parent  
 20 household;

21 (5) (I) Enrolls in [at]:

22 ~~(II)~~ 1. AT least 12 credits per semester at the community college;  
 23 OR

24 ~~(II)~~ 2. A SEQUENCE OF CREDIT OR NONCREDIT COURSES  
 25 THAT ~~LEAD~~ LEADS TO LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION; ~~and~~ OR

26 (II) PARTICIPATES IN A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP  
 27 PROGRAM; AND

28 (6) (i) Timely submits a Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
 29 (FAFSA) or any other applications for any State or federal student financial aid, other than  
 30 a student loan, for which the applicant may qualify; or

1 (ii) Is ineligible to submit a FAFSA, qualifies for in-State tuition  
2 under § 15–106.8 of this article, and timely submits an application for any State student  
3 financial aid, other than a student loan, for which the applicant may qualify.

4 18–3604.

5 (b) (1) Any student financial aid, other than a student loan, received by the  
6 recipient shall be credited to the recipient's tuition before the calculation of any award  
7 amount provided under this subtitle.

8 (2) (i) 1. Initial awards shall be provided to recipients based on  
9 greatest demonstrated financial need.

10 2. Priority for awards in subsequent years shall be given to  
11 prior year recipients who remain eligible for the program.

12 **3. NOTWITHSTANDING § 18–3603(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE,**  
13 **AN ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE AN AWARD UNDER THIS**  
14 **SUBPARAGRAPH DUE TO INSUFFICIENT FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM REMAINS**  
15 **ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM THE FOLLOWING ACADEMIC YEAR.**

16 (ii) Eligible applicants who do not receive an award under this  
17 subtitle shall be notified and placed on a waiting list.

18 (c) An award under this subtitle may be made only if a recipient signs an  
19 agreement at the time of the initial award to:

20 (1) Use an address in the State on the recipient's State income tax return  
21 and commence full-time employment [in the State] within 1 year after completion of the  
22 **LATER OF:**

23 **(I) THE vocational certificate, certificate, or associate's degree; OR**

24 **(II) IF A RECIPIENT HAS ATTAINED AT LEAST 48 CREDITS AT**  
25 **THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TRANSFERRED TO A 4-YEAR ~~PUBLIC~~ INSTITUTION,**  
26 **A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE;**

27 (2) Continue to use an address in the State on the recipient's State income  
28 tax return and maintain employment [in the State] for at least 1 year for each year that  
29 the scholarship was awarded; and

30 (3) Have the scholarship award converted into a student loan payable to  
31 the State if the recipient fails to fulfill the service obligation required in items (1) and (2) of  
32 this subsection.

1 (d) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, each recipient may  
2 hold the award until the earlier of:

3 (i) 3 years after first enrolling as a candidate for a vocational  
4 certificate, a certificate, or an associate's degree at a community college in the State; or

5 (ii) The date that the individual is awarded an associate's degree.

6 (2) The Office may extend the duration of an award for an allowable  
7 interruption of study if the recipient provides to the Office satisfactory evidence of  
8 extenuating circumstances that prevent the recipient from continuous enrollment.

9 (3) Each recipient may hold the award in accordance with paragraph (1) of  
10 this subsection only if the recipient:

11 (i) Continues to be eligible for in-State tuition;

12 (ii) **1.** Continues to enroll in and complete at least 12 credits per  
13 semester, **OR A SEQUENCE OF CREDIT OR NONCREDIT COURSES THAT ~~LEAD~~ LEADS**  
14 **TO LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION, or [its] THEIR** equivalent, as determined by the  
15 Office; **OR**

16 **2. CONTINUES TO PARTICIPATE IN A REGISTERED**  
17 **APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM;**

18 (iii) Maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a  
19 4.0 scale or its equivalent **FOR THE REQUISITE CREDIT-BEARING COURSEWORK** for the  
20 remainder of the award or, failing to do so, provides to the Office satisfactory evidence of  
21 extenuating circumstances;

22 (iv) Makes satisfactory progress toward a vocational certificate, a  
23 certificate, or an associate's degree;

24 (v) Continues to meet the income limitations under § 18-3603(b)(4)  
25 of this subtitle; and

26 (vi) Continues to timely submit an application under § 18-3603(b)(6)  
27 of this subtitle.

28 18-3607.

29 On or before December 1, 2020, and each December 1 thereafter, the Commission  
30 shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government  
31 Article, on the implementation of the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship  
32 program, including:

1 (1) The number of applicants who received a Maryland Community College  
 2 Promise Scholarship in the academic year **DISAGGREGATED BY THE COMMUNITY**  
 3 **COLLEGE AT WHICH THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS USED;**

4 (2) The number of scholarship recipients enrolled in an associate's degree  
 5 program;

6 (3) The number of scholarship recipients enrolled in a vocational certificate  
 7 program;

8 (4) The number of scholarship recipients enrolled in a certificate program;

9 (5) The amount of the award made to each scholarship recipient;

10 (6) The number of eligible applicants, if any, who were placed on a waiting  
 11 list and the amount of demonstrated financial need, in the aggregate, of those applicants;

12 (7) The number of scholarship recipients who earned an associate's degree  
 13 within 2, 3, or 4 years after receiving an award;

14 (8) The number of scholarship recipients who earned a vocational  
 15 certificate within 1, 2, or 3 years after receiving an award;

16 (9) The number of scholarship recipients who transferred to a 4-year  
 17 institution in the State; [and]

18 **(10) THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WHO RECEIVED A**  
 19 **BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AFTER TRANSFERRING TO A 4-YEAR INSTITUTION IN THE**  
 20 **STATE;**

21 **(11) THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR WHICH THE**  
 22 **SERVICE OBLIGATION WAS DEFERRED, WAIVED, OR CONVERTED INTO A STUDENT**  
 23 **LOAN; AND**

24 **[(10)] (12)** The actual and potential impact of the program on enrollment  
 25 rates at community colleges and 4-year public institutions in the State.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall take effect July~~  
 27 ~~1, 2019~~ is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
 28 health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the  
 29 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect  
 30 from the date it is enacted.