

SENATE BILL 260

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senators Pinsky, Ferguson, King, and Young**

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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.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Education
17 Section ~~18–3601(d)~~, 18–3603(b), 18–3604(b) through (d), and 18–3607
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Education**

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.



1 18-3601.

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

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

5 (i) Registration;

6 (ii) Application;

7 (iii) Administration;

8 (iv) Laboratory work; and

9 (v) Other mandatory fees.

10 (3) “TUITION” DOES NOT INCLUDE:

11 (I) COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARTS OF A REGISTERED
12 APPRENTICESHIP THAT TAKE PLACE AT A LOCATION THAT IS NOT A COMMUNITY
13 COLLEGE; OR

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

16 18-3603.

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

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

20 (2) Enrolls as a candidate for a vocational certificate, a certificate, or an
21 associate’s degree OR PARTICIPATES IN A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP [at a
22 community college in the State] within 2 years after graduating from a high school or
23 successfully completing a GED in the State:

24 (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ~~ITEM (I)~~ ITEMS (II) AND (III) OF
25 THIS ITEM, AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OR, IN THE CASE
26 OF A REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, IN THE REGION, WHERE THE APPLICANT
27 LIVES; OR

28 (II) IF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OR
29 REGION WHERE THE APPLICANT LIVES DOES NOT OFFER THE DEGREE OR

1 CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN WHICH THE APPLICANT WANTS TO ENROLL, THEN AT
2 ANY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE THAT OFFERS THE PROGRAM; OR

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 ~~(H)~~ 1. AT least 12 credits per semester at the community college;

15 **OR**

16 ~~(H)~~ 2. A SEQUENCE OF CREDIT OR NONCREDIT COURSES
17 THAT ~~LEAD~~ LEADS TO LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION; ~~and~~ OR

18 (II) PARTICIPATES IN A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP
19 PROGRAM; AND

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

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

26 18-3604.

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

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

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

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

6 2. CONTINUES TO PARTICIPATE IN A REGISTERED
7 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM;

8 (iii) Maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a
9 4.0 scale or its equivalent **FOR THE REQUISITE CREDIT-BEARING COURSEWORK** for the
10 remainder of the award or, failing to do so, provides to the Office satisfactory evidence of
11 extenuating circumstances;

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

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

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

18 18-3607.

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

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

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

28 (3) The number of scholarship recipients enrolled in a vocational certificate
29 program;

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

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

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

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

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

7 (9) The number of scholarship recipients who transferred to a 4–year
8 institution in the State; [and]

9 **(10) THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WHO RECEIVED A**
10 **BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AFTER TRANSFERRING TO A 4–YEAR INSTITUTION IN THE**
11 **STATE;**

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

15 **[(10)] (12)** The actual and potential impact of the program on enrollment
16 rates at community colleges and 4–year public institutions in the State.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall take effect July~~
18 ~~1, 2019~~ is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
19 health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the
20 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect
21 from the date it is enacted.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.