

HOUSE BILL 1268

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(11r2732)

ENROLLED BILL

— Appropriations/ Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation —

Introduced by **Delegate Henson**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

Proofreader.

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Legal Education Success Collaborative – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Legal Education Success Collaborative; establishing the
4 purpose of the Collaborative; requiring certain institutions to develop and
5 administer certain programs and cooperatives; requiring certain appropriations to
6 be made to certain institutions and programs in certain fiscal years for certain
7 purposes; *requiring certain institutions to provide certain matching funds*; requiring
8 a certain appropriation to be used to supplement certain existing funding; defining
9 certain terms; and generally relating to success in legal education.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Education
12 Section 15–126
13 Annotated Code of Maryland

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.



(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

15–126.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
INDICATED.

(2) “COLLABORATIVE” MEANS THE LEGAL EDUCATION SUCCESS
COLLABORATIVE.

(3) “MARYLAND HBCU” MEANS THE FOLLOWING HISTORICALLY
BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

(I) BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;

(II) COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY;

(III) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

(IV) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE.

(4) “SCHOLARS PROGRAM” MEANS:

(I) THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW AND
HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES STUDENT PIPELINE
COOPERATIVE SCHOLARS; AND

(II) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION SCHOLARS.

(5) “UB LAW AND HBCU COOPERATIVE” MEANS THE UNIVERSITY
OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW AND HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES STUDENT PIPELINE COOPERATIVE.

(B) THERE IS A LEGAL EDUCATION SUCCESS COLLABORATIVE BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW, THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
SCHOOL OF LAW, AND THE MARYLAND HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES.

1 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE COLLABORATIVE IS TO INCREASE DIVERSITY IN
2 THE LEGAL FIELD THROUGH:

3 (1) FINANCIAL SUPPORT, ACADEMIC SUCCESS, PROFESSIONAL
4 DEVELOPMENT, AND MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING
5 IN THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM;

6 (2) THE UB LAW AND HBCU COOPERATIVE THAT PREPARES
7 MARYLAND HBCU STUDENTS FOR LAW SCHOOL AND PROVIDES ACADEMIC
8 SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS IN LAW SCHOOL AND THROUGHOUT THEIR
9 LEGAL CAREERS; AND

10 (3) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW DIVERSITY
11 AND INCLUSION SCHOLARS PROGRAM.

12 (D) (1) THE UB LAW AND HBCU COOPERATIVE SHALL BE DEVELOPED
13 AND ADMINISTERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW ~~AND~~
14 ~~COORDINATED WITH MARYLAND HBCUS.~~

15 (2) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW DIVERSITY
16 AND INCLUSION SCHOLARS PROGRAM SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND ADMINISTERED
17 BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW.

18 (E) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, ~~THE~~
19 ~~GOVERNOR SHALL APPROPRIATE:~~

20 (1) ~~\$200,000~~ THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL
21 BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$125,000 TO EACH SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT
22 THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW AND THE UNIVERSITY OF
23 MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW; AND

24 (2) ~~\$50,000 TO ONE MARYLAND HBCU SELECTED BY THE~~
25 ~~MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION FOR SUPPORTING A COORDINATOR~~
26 ~~POSITION TO PROMOTE THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM TO STUDENTS AT ALL MARYLAND~~
27 ~~HBCUS~~ THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW AND THE UNIVERSITY
28 OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW EACH SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SCHOLARS
29 PROGRAM TO MATCH THE AMOUNT PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
30 SUBSECTION, UP TO \$125,000.

31 (F) THE MONEY APPROPRIATED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION
32 IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND MAY NOT SUPPLANT FUNDING THAT WOULD OTHERWISE
33 BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM, MARYLAND HBCUS, THE
34 UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE, OR THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE
35 CAMPUS.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.