

# HOUSE BILL 1268

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By: **Delegate Henson**

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## 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 a certain appropriation to be used to supplement certain existing  
8 funding; defining certain terms; and generally relating to success in legal education.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 15–126

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

### 16 **Article – Education**

#### 17 **15–126.**

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

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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.



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

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

5                   **(I) BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;**

6                   **(II) COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY;**

7                   **(III) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND**

8                   **(IV) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE.**

9           **(4) “SCHOLARS PROGRAM” MEANS:**

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

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

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

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

22           **(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE COLLABORATIVE IS TO INCREASE DIVERSITY IN**  
23 **THE LEGAL FIELD THROUGH:**

24                   **(1) FINANCIAL SUPPORT, ACADEMIC SUCCESS, PROFESSIONAL**  
25 **DEVELOPMENT, AND MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING**  
26 **IN THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM;**

27                   **(2) THE UB LAW AND HBCU COOPERATIVE THAT PREPARES**  
28 **MARYLAND HBCU STUDENTS FOR LAW SCHOOL AND PROVIDES ACADEMIC**  
29 **SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS IN LAW SCHOOL AND THROUGHOUT THEIR**

1 LEGAL CAREERS; AND

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

4 (D) (1) THE UB LAW AND HBCU COOPERATIVE SHALL BE DEVELOPED  
5 AND ADMINISTERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW AND  
6 COORDINATED WITH MARYLAND HBCUS.

7 (2) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW DIVERSITY  
8 AND INCLUSION SCHOLARS PROGRAM SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND ADMINISTERED  
9 BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW.

10 (E) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE  
11 GOVERNOR SHALL APPROPRIATE:

12 (1) \$200,000 TO EACH SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
13 BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF  
14 LAW; AND

15 (2) \$50,000 TO ONE MARYLAND HBCU SELECTED BY THE  
16 MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION FOR SUPPORTING A COORDINATOR  
17 POSITION TO PROMOTE THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM TO STUDENTS AT ALL MARYLAND  
18 HBCUS.

19 (F) THE MONEY APPROPRIATED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION  
20 IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND MAY NOT SUPPLANT FUNDING THAT WOULD OTHERWISE  
21 BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM, MARYLAND HBCUS, THE  
22 UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE, OR THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE  
23 CAMPUS.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
25 1, 2021.