

# SENATE BILL 79

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EMERGENCY BILL  
(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Senator Bailey**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Senatorial Scholarships – Program Accreditation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing each Senator to award not more than a certain percentage  
4 of funds available under the Senatorial Scholarship Program to applicants planning  
5 to attend certain accredited institutions outside the State, provided that the  
6 applicant will be studying in an academic area that is not offered in a program that  
7 is accredited by a national accrediting association approved by the United States  
8 Department of Education in any institution in the State; and generally relating to  
9 the Senatorial Scholarship Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 18–405  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 18–405.

19 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a senatorial scholarship  
20 may be used only at any community college or undergraduate, graduate, or professional  
21 school in the State.

22 (b) A senatorial scholarship may be used:

23 (1) If the curriculum is approved by the Commission, at a degree granting

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 institution of higher education, a hospital diploma school for training registered nurses, or  
2 to attend a private postsecondary proprietary institution that is accredited by a national  
3 accrediting association approved by the United States Department of Education as a  
4 full-time student; and

5 (2) For educational expenses as defined by the Office, including:

6 (i) Tuition and mandatory fees; and

7 (ii) Room and board.

8 (c) If on-campus housing is available, a senatorial scholarship may not be used  
9 to pay for off-campus housing.

10 (d) Each Senator may award not more than [10 percent] **10%** of the funds  
11 available under this subtitle to applicants planning to attend accredited undergraduate,  
12 graduate, or professional institutions outside the State, provided the applicant:

13 (1) Will be studying in an academic area that is not [available] **OFFERED**  
14 **IN A PROGRAM THAT IS ACCREDITED BY A NATIONAL ACCREDITING ASSOCIATION**  
15 **APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN ANY**  
16 **INSTITUTION** in the State;

17 (2) Is a hearing impaired person who will be studying at an institution  
18 outside the State that makes special provisions for hearing impaired students, and  
19 comparable special provisions are not available to the applicant at an institution in the  
20 State; or

21 (3) Is an individual who is on active duty with the United States military  
22 who is domiciled in this State.

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