

# SENATE BILL 904

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By: **Senator Benson**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Higher Education Commission – ~~Formerly Incarcerated~~ Returning**  
3 **Youth Grant Program – Established**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the ~~Formerly Incarcerated~~ Returning Youth Grant  
5 Program to be administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the  
6 Maryland Higher Education Commission; requiring the Division of Parole and  
7 Probation within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the  
8 Department of Juvenile Services to provide certain information to certain  
9 individuals; and generally relating to the ~~Formerly Incarcerated~~ Returning Youth  
10 Grant Program.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Education

13 Section 18–3901 through 18–3904 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 39.

14 ~~Formerly Incarcerated~~ Returning Youth Grant Program”

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Education**

20 **SUBTITLE 39. ~~FORMERLY INCARCERATED~~ RETURNING YOUTH GRANT PROGRAM.**

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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 18-3901.

2 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
3 INDICATED.

4 (B) "ELIGIBLE STUDENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

5 (1) IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

6 (2) IS UNDER THE AGE OF 26 YEARS;

7 (3) (I) HAS BEEN INCARCERATED; OR

8 (II) IS INCARCERATED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION BUT WILL  
9 BE RELEASED FROM INCARCERATION WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE  
10 APPLICATION;

11 (4) WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A FEDERAL PELL GRANT IN THAT YEAR;  
12 AND

13 (5) WILL APPLY FOR A FEDERAL PELL GRANT IN THAT YEAR.

14 (C) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE ~~FORMERLY INCARCERATED~~ RETURNING  
15 YOUTH GRANT PROGRAM.

16 18-3902.

17 (A) (1) THERE IS A ~~FORMERLY INCARCERATED~~ RETURNING YOUTH  
18 GRANT PROGRAM.

19 (2) THE OFFICE SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

20 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE TO ELIGIBLE  
21 STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE FEDERAL PELL GRANTS MATCHING STATE FUNDS TO  
22 SUPPORT THE INDIVIDUAL IN ATTENDING AN INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY  
23 EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

24 (C) AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT MAY APPLY TO THE OFFICE FOR A GRANT UNDER  
25 THE PROGRAM IF THE STUDENT CERTIFIES THAT THE STUDENT WILL BE ELIGIBLE  
26 AND WILL APPLY FOR A FEDERAL PELL GRANT IN THAT YEAR.

27 (D) THE OFFICE SHALL AWARD A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM:

28 (1) TO EACH ELIGIBLE STUDENT WHO APPLIES TO THE OFFICE FOR  
29 THE GRANT AND RECEIVES A FEDERAL PELL GRANT IN THAT YEAR; AND

1           **(2) IN AN AMOUNT:**

2                   **(I) EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF THE FEDERAL PELL GRANT**  
3 **THAT THE ELIGIBLE STUDENT RECEIVED IN THAT YEAR; BUT**

4                   **(II) NOT MORE THAN \$3,000.**

5           **(E) AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM**  
6 **~~SHALL~~ MAY USE THE GRANT ONLY FOR THE TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AND**  
7 **ROOM AND BOARD FOR ON-CAMPUS HOUSING AT AN INSTITUTION OF**  
8 **POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE STATE.**

9           **(F) (1) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
10 **SUBSECTION, A RECIPIENT OF A GRANT REMAINS ELIGIBLE FOR SUBSEQUENT**  
11 **GRANTS IF THE STUDENT REMAINS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE INSTITUTION OF**  
12 **POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.**

13                   **(2) A RECIPIENT OF A GRANT MAY NOT RECEIVE A GRANT FOR MORE**  
14 **THAN 3 YEARS.**

15           **(G) THE OFFICE SHALL DISTRIBUTE A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THE**  
16 **PROGRAM TO THE INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN WHICH THE**  
17 **ELIGIBLE STUDENT WHO RECEIVES THE GRANT IS ENROLLED AT THE SAME TIME AS**  
18 **FUNDS FOR FEDERAL PELL GRANTS ARE DISTRIBUTED.**

19 **18-3903.**

20           **THE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
21 **PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
22 **JUVENILE SERVICES PERIODICALLY SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE**  
23 **PROGRAM AND THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE**  
24 **ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE PROGRAM.**

25 **18-3904.**

26           **THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**  
27 **SUBTITLE.**

28           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**  
29 **1, 2022.**