

SENATE BILL 822

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By: **Senator McKay**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) School Program – High**
3 **School Diplomas**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that each memorandum of understanding establishing a
5 certain P-TECH school ensures that each P-TECH student receives a high school
6 diploma immediately following completion of high school graduation requirements;
7 and generally relating to the Pathways in Technology Early College High School
8 Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 7-1801(a), (d), (f), (h), and (i)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Education
16 Section 7-1802(b) and 7-1804
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 7-1801.

23 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) "County board" includes a consortium of county boards that have an
2 agreement to operate a P-TECH school that serves the students in the local school systems
3 that are part of the consortium.

4 (f) "P-TECH school" means a Pathways in Technology Early College High school
5 that:

6 (1) Is a public secondary school selected by the Department;

7 (2) Partners with a college partner;

8 (3) Partners with an industry partner; and

9 (4) Has executed a memorandum of understanding in accordance with §
10 7-1802(b)(2) of this subtitle.

11 (h) "P-TECH student" means a student enrolled in a P-TECH school.

12 (i) "Pathway sequence" means a curriculum or course of study at a P-TECH
13 school that leads to a high school diploma and an associate's degree that may be completed
14 within a 6-year time period.

15 7-1802.

16 (b) (1) A P-TECH school:

17 (i) Shall:

18 1. Reserve at least 50% of its available space for students
19 who meet the free and reduced price meal income criteria; and

20 2. Be established through a memorandum of understanding
21 executed between one or more industry partners, one or more college partners, and a county
22 board; and

23 (ii) May be established as a school within a school.

24 (2) The memorandum of understanding executed in accordance with
25 paragraph (1)(i)2 of this subsection shall include provisions ensuring that:

26 (i) Each P-TECH student receives:

27 1. Substantive mentoring by an industry partner; [and]

28 2. At least one paid summer internship of at least 6 weeks'
29 duration with an industry partner; and

1 **3. A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FROM THE COUNTY BOARD**
2 **IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE P-TECH SCHOOL IS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY**
3 **FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS,**
4 **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE P-TECH STUDENT HAS COMPLETED A PATHWAY**
5 **SEQUENCE; AND**

6 (ii) P-TECH students are first in line for consideration for a job at
7 the industry partner after graduation.

8 7-1804.

9 (a) A P-TECH student may not be required to pay any cost that is related to
10 enrollment and participation in the Program, including tuition and mandatory fees.

11 (b) P-TECH students shall be included in the full-time equivalent enrollment
12 under [§ 5-202] **§ 5-201** of this article as follows:

13 (1) Multiply the number of students who are enrolled in the fifth year of
14 the Program by 0.50; and

15 (2) Multiply the number of students who are enrolled in the sixth year of
16 the Program by 0.25.

17 (c) Student credit hours earned at a community college by a P-TECH student
18 shall be included in the full-time equivalent student calculation established in §§ 16-305
19 and 16-502 of this article.

20 (d) (1) (i) A P-TECH supplemental college grant is an amount equal to the
21 tuition and mandatory fees that would normally be charged for the classes in which the
22 P-TECH student is enrolled.

23 (ii) The State share of a P-TECH supplemental college grant shall
24 be calculated and distributed by the State to college partners and equals:

25 1. 50% for counties that received a grant under § 16-501 of
26 the Local Government Article in the prior fiscal year; or

27 2. 25% for counties that did not receive a grant under §
28 16-501 of the Local Government Article in the prior fiscal year.

29 (iii) The local share of a P-TECH supplemental college grant shall be
30 calculated and distributed by a county board to college partners and equals the amount not
31 paid by the State under this paragraph.

1 (2) (i) The State share of a P-TECH supplemental school grant is not
2 less than \$750 per P-TECH student per school year and shall be used for P-TECH school
3 costs.

4 (ii) The State share of a P-TECH supplemental school grant shall be
5 calculated and distributed by the Department to county boards.

6 (iii) A county board that receives a P-TECH supplemental school
7 grant shall match 100% of the State share.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed
9 to alter any funding calculations under Titles 5, 7, or 16 of the Education Article.

10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2023.