

HOUSE BILL 476

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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- Ways and Means/Economic and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegates Healey, Kopp, Klausmeier, Menes, Cadden, McIntosh, A. Jones, Goldwater, Benson, D'Amato, Heller, Walkup, Frush, Eckardt, Gladden, Hubbard, Brown, Mandel, Cryor, Love, Ports, Kagan, Klima, Rzepkowski, Doory, Petzold, Finifter, Stern, Hubers, Pitkin, Rudolph, V. Jones, Hecht, Moe, Hixson, Parrott, Clagett, Carlson, Bobo, James, C. Davis, Howard, Bozman, DeCarlo, Proctor, Phillips, Swain, Stocksdale, Giannetti, Marriott, Valderrama, R. Baker, and ~~Palumbo~~ Palumbo, Rosso, Patterson, Bartlett, Shriver, McKee, and Bohanan**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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

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Speaker.

CHAPTER 606

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **HOPE for Nontraditional Students - Community College Transfer**  
3 **Scholarship Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Community College Transfer Scholarship  
5 Program and providing for the award of scholarships under the Program;  
6 establishing qualifications and requirements for the receipt and retention of an  
7 award under the Program; requiring the State Scholarship Administration to  
8 send a list of scholarship recipients to certain persons; providing for the funding  
9 of the scholarship Program; requiring certain repayment obligations for certain  
10 programs administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission to be

1 calculated at a certain interest rate and in a certain manner; requiring certain  
 2 recipients to commence repayment obligations upon graduation or termination  
 3 from certain institutions; and generally relating to the Community College  
 4 Transfer Scholarship Program.

5 BY adding to

6 Article - Education  
 7 Section 18-112; and 18-2401 through 18-2407, inclusive, to be under the new  
 8 subtitle "Subtitle 24. HOPE for Nontraditional Students - Community  
 9 College Transfer Scholarship Program"  
 10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 11 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article - Education**

15 18-112.

16 (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, REPAYMENT  
 17 OBLIGATIONS INCURRED BY RECIPIENTS OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE,  
 18 SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, OR LOANS ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER  
 19 THIS TITLE SHALL BE CALCULATED AT AN INTEREST RATE EQUAL TO AND  
 20 MATCHING THE INTEREST RATE ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES  
 21 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN ON THE FIRST  
 22 DAY OF JULY OF EACH YEAR MINUS 1 PERCENT, WITH INTEREST NOT ACCRUING  
 23 PRIOR TO NOTIFICATION TO THE COMMISSION OF A RECIPIENT'S GRADUATION OR  
 24 TERMINATION FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

25 (B) A RECIPIENT SHALL COMMENCE REPAYMENT OBLIGATIONS INCURRED  
 26 UNDER THIS TITLE UPON GRADUATION OR TERMINATION FROM AN INSTITUTION OF  
 27 HIGHER EDUCATION.

28 SUBTITLE 24. HOPE FOR NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS - COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
 29 TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

30 18-2401.

31 THERE IS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THE  
 32 STATE UNDER WHICH SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

33 18-2402.

34 A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS  
 35 SUBTITLE MAY BE USED ONLY AT A 4-YEAR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF  
 36 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

1 18-2403.

2 TO QUALIFY FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP, AN  
3 APPLICANT SHALL:

4 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

5 (2) BE A STUDENT AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE;

6 (3) MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0  
7 SCALE WHILE A STUDENT AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE;

8 (4) HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST 60 CREDITS AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
9 IN THE STATE OR HAVE EARNED AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE BY THE END OF THE  
10 SEMESTER IN WHICH THE APPLICANT PLANS TO TRANSFER;

11 (5) BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION IN A DEGREE PROGRAM AT A 4-YEAR  
12 PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;

13 (6) INTEND TO ENROLL IN A 4-YEAR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION  
14 OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE IN ORDER TO COMPLETE A BACHELOR'S  
15 DEGREE PROGRAM;

16 (7) ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN THAT 4-YEAR INSTITUTION:

17 (8) HAVE AN ANNUAL TOTAL FAMILY INCOME OF NOT MORE THAN  
18 \$80,000; AND

19 (9) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS OR SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL  
20 CRITERIA THAT THE COMMISSION OR THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ESTABLISH.

21 18-2404.

22 (A) THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER  
23 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE \$3,000.

24 (B) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED FOR  
25 TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES.

26 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO  
27 RETAIN A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP, THE RECIPIENT SHALL:

28 (I) REMAIN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

29 (II) CONTINUE TO BE ENROLLED AS AN UNDERGRADUATE  
30 STUDENT IN A DEGREE PROGRAM AT A 4-YEAR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF  
31 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;

32 (III) MAINTAIN A 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE EACH  
33 ACADEMIC YEAR THE INDIVIDUAL IS ENROLLED AT A 4-YEAR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC

1 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE OR PROVIDE EVIDENCE  
2 SATISFACTORY TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES; AND

3 (IV) MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS OF THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION  
4 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENDS.

5 (2) A RECIPIENT OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP  
6 AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL RECEIVE THE AWARD FOR EACH YEAR  
7 THAT THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE IF THE RECIPIENT SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE  
8 TIME OF THE INITIAL AWARD TO:

9 (I) REMAIN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AND:

10 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3)(II) OF THIS  
11 SUBSECTION, CONTINUE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE AFTER  
12 COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE  
13 SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED; OR

14 2. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3)(II) OF THIS  
15 SUBSECTION COMMENCE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE WITHIN 1 YEAR  
16 AFTER COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND THEREAFTER CONTINUE  
17 EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP  
18 WAS AWARDED; AND

19 (II) REPAY THE STATE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED UNDER THIS  
20 SUBTITLE ~~AND SIMPLE INTEREST EQUAL TO THE PRIME RATE OF INTEREST PLUS 2~~  
21 ~~PERCENT CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PAYMENT OF ANY AWARD~~  
22 ~~RECEIVED BY THE RECIPIENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AS SET FORTH IN § 18-112 OF~~  
23 THIS TITLE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

24 1. SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE  
25 INSTITUTION OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE;  
26 AND

27 2. MAINTAIN STATE RESIDENCY AND SATISFY THE  
28 EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

29 (3) (I) THE RESIDENCY AND EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATION REQUIRED BY  
30 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION BEGINS AFTER GRADUATION AND CANNOT BE  
31 FULFILLED PRIOR TO GRADUATION FROM AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

32 (II) A RECIPIENT OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER  
33 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY FULFILL THE EMPLOYMENT  
34 OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(I)1 AND 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION OUT  
35 OF STATE IF THE RECIPIENT:

36 1. WAS EMPLOYED OUT OF STATE AT THE TIME THE  
37 RECIPIENT RECEIVED THE SCHOLARSHIP;

