

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1304

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Sossi” and substitute “Sossi, Boschert, Cardin, C. Davis, Elmore, Gilleland, Goodwin, Gordon, Howard, McKee, and Myers”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 3 down through “Program;” in line 5; in line 8, strike “as a” and substitute “in certain”; in the same line, strike “nurse” and substitute “nursing or faculty positions”; in line 13, strike “certain programs for” and substitute “a certain program for a”; in line 14, strike “years” and substitute “year”; in lines 17 and 18, strike “declaring the intent of the General Assembly” and substitute “altering a certain definition”; in line 22, strike “18-703(c)(1), (f), and (h) and 18-706(c) and (f)” and substitute “18-701(d)(1) and (2)(i) and (e) and 18-706(a) and (c)”; and in line 27, strike “18-703(b)(1) and (2) and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 9, insert:

“18-701.

(d) (1) The recipient of an Economic Development Student Assistance Grant shall repay the Commission the funds received as set forth in § 18-112 of this title if the recipient does not:

(i) Complete the specified degree, attain the licensure or certification required, or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle; and

(ii) [Perform] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN §18-706 OF THIS SUBTITLE, PERFORM the service obligation as specified in each section of this subtitle for 1 year for each year that the recipient has a grant awarded under this subtitle.

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(2) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this section AND IN §18-706 OF THIS SUBTITLE, the Office shall waive the repayment of the grant award at the rate of 1 year for each year that the recipient performs the service obligation.

(e) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN §18-706 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE repayment of the grant award by a recipient who is not yet required by the provisions of this subtitle to begin repayment of the award and who accepts employment that fulfills the service obligation shall be forgiven, for the purposes of this subtitle, at a rate of 1 year for each year that the recipient performs the service obligation.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 10 on page 2 through line 22 on page 3, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, after line 23, insert:

“(a) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(1) “Eligible organization” means an institution, including a licensed hospital, nursing home, adult day care center, public health agency, home health agency, or other organization authorized by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

(2) “Eligible institution” means an institution of postsecondary education:

(i) Approved to operate by the Maryland Higher Education Commission;
and

(ii) That awards nursing degrees or diplomas.

(3) “Nursing shortage area” means a recognized area of nursing service or specialization determined by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to be an area where there exists a shortage of qualified nurses in eligible organizations.

(4) “Nursing student” means a student enrolled in a postsecondary nursing education degree or diploma program at an eligible institution.

(5) “Service obligation” means employment as:

(I) [a] A nurse in a nursing shortage area in an eligible organization; OR

(II) A FACULTY MEMBER IN A NURSING PROGRAM AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.”.

On page 4, in line 21, strike “AS” and substitute “IN”; and in lines 22 and 24, in each instance, strike “NURSE” and substitute “POSITION”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 9, inclusive.

On page 6, strike beginning with the colon in line 15 down through “\$1,000,000” in line 17 and substitute “\$250,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2007”.

On page 7, strike in their entirety lines 4 through 10, inclusive; and in line 11, strike “4.” and substitute “3.”.