

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1304  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, strike “in certain” and substitute “as a”; in lines 8 and 9, strike “nursing or faculty positions” and substitute “nurse”; and in line 9, before “establishing” insert “authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to award certain nursing scholarships to a nursing student attending a certain out-of-state institution if a certain letter is provided to the Commission and a certain verification based on certain information is made by the Commission; requiring the Commission to give priority to certain students; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to waive the repayment of certain grant awards; providing that the repayment of certain grant awards by certain recipients shall be forgiven at certain rates;”.

On page 2, in line 1, strike “18-706(a) and (c)” and substitute “18-706”; and strike in their entirety lines 4 through 8, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 22, after “(i)” insert “1.”; in line 23, strike “and” and substitute “OR

2. RECOGNIZED BY THE COMMISSION AS A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OFFERING AN EQUIVALENT AND NATIONALLY ACCREDITED OUT-OF-STATE NURSING PROGRAM; AND”;

in lines 30 and 31, strike “: (I)”; in line 31, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “A”; and strike beginning with “; OR” in line 32 down through “INSTITUTION” in line 34.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, in line 33, strike “IN” and substitute “AS”.

On page 6, in lines 1 and 4, in each instance, strike “POSITION” and substitute “NURSE”;

(Over)

after line 5, insert:

“(D) NOTWITHSTANDING § 18-701(B) AND (C) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY AWARD A NURSING SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION TO A NURSING STUDENT ATTENDING AN OUT-OF-STATE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IF:

(1) THE NURSING STUDENT PROVIDES THE COMMISSION WITH A COPY OF A LETTER THAT THE NURSING STUDENT RECEIVED FROM THE IN-STATE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION INDICATING THAT THE NURSING STUDENT’S APPLICATION WAS ACCEPTED AND DEFERRED DUE TO A LACK OF CAPACITY; AND

(2) THE COMMISSION VERIFIES, BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE COMMISSION BY THE INSTITUTION, THAT THERE IS A LACK OF CAPACITY AT THE IN-STATE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR THE RELEVANT ACADEMIC SEMESTER AND NURSING PROGRAM.

(E) IN MAKING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO STUDENTS ENROLLING IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.”;

in line 6, strike “(d)” and substitute “(F)”; and after line 24, insert:

“(G) (1) THE OFFICE SHALL WAIVE THE REPAYMENT OF A GRANT AWARD FOR A:

(I) FULL-TIME NURSE AT THE RATE OF 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT PERFORMS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION; OR

(II) PART-TIME NURSE AT THE RATE OF 2 YEARS FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT PERFORMS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION.

(2) THE REPAYMENT OF A GRANT AWARD BY A RECIPIENT WHO IS NOT YET REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE TO BEGIN REPAYMENT OF THE GRANT AWARD AND WHO ACCEPTS EMPLOYMENT THAT FULFILLS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION SHALL BE FORGIVEN, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, FOR A:

(I) FULL-TIME NURSE AT THE RATE OF 1 YEAR FOR EACH

YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT PERFORMS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION; OR

(II) PART-TIME NURSE AT THE RATE OF 2 YEARS FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT PERFORMS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION.

[(e)] (H) The Commission shall establish and publish rules and regulations to administer the grants awarded under this section.

[(f)] (I) Funds for the nursing scholarships awarded under this section shall be as provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 7, strike in their entirety lines 28 through 33, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 8, in line 11, after “(i)” insert “the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(ii) the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(iii)”;

and in lines 12, 13, 14, and 15, strike “(ii)”, “(iii)”, “(iv)”, and “(v)”, respectively, and substitute “(iv)”, “(v)”, “(vi)”, and “(vii)”, respectively.