

HOUSE BILL 279

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grants –**
3 **Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of specifying that a grant recipient under the Workforce Shortage
5 Student Assistance grant program may be enrolled at an eligible institution
6 during a fall, spring, or summer term; defining certain terms; and generally
7 relating to the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grant program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 18–708(a) and (h)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2006 Replacement Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Education
15 Section 18–708(b)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 18-708.

2 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (2) "Advisory Council" means the Advisory Council on Workforce
4 Shortage.

5 (3) "Eligible institution" means a public or private institution of higher
6 education in this State that possesses a certificate of approval from the Commission.

7 (4) "Grant" means the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grant.

8 (5) **"PART-TIME STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT WHO MAINTAINS A**
9 **COURSE CREDIT LOAD OF BETWEEN 3 AND 6 CREDIT HOURS.**

10 (6) **"STUDENT" INCLUDES:**

11 (I) **A STUDENT IN AN UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL COURSE OF**
12 **STUDY;**

13 (II) **A STUDENT IN A GRADUATE LEVEL COURSE OF STUDY;**
14 **AND**

15 (III) **A MEMBER OF THE FACULTY OF AN INSTITUTION OF**
16 **HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.**

17 (b) There is a program of Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grants
18 under this section for students who pledge to work in fields of critical shortage in the
19 State on completion of their studies.

20 (h) (1) A grant recipient may be enrolled at an eligible institution:

21 (I) [on] **ON** a part-time or full-time basis; **AND**

22 (II) **DURING A FALL, SPRING, OR SUMMER TERM.**

23 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a grant
24 recipient shall be an undergraduate student at an eligible institution.

1 (3) A grant recipient may be a graduate student if the Office
2 determines that the shortage field requires employees with a graduate level education.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 June 1, 2007.