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Ways and Means

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program -
Internships**

This bill expands eligibility for priority participation in the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program by adding students who assist in providing legal services in a public service position to the students who are given priority for participation in the program.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2011.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program is supported with a portion of the State appropriation to the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). The bill is not expected to affect State funding for the university. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 490 of 2007 established the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program to assist college and graduate students to explore public service career opportunities through summer internships. Priority for participation in the program must be given to eligible students who (1) are residents of the State; (2) have demonstrated interest in careers in public service; and (3) assist in providing legal services to low-income State residents, social work services to

low-income State residents, nursing services in nursing shortage areas, or other services in the public or nonprofit sectors in which there is a shortage of qualified practitioners to low-income or underserved residents or areas of the State.

The Shriver Center at UMBC administers the program and serves as a clearinghouse for public and nonprofit entities that wish to hire summer interns from the program. The Shriver Center may award scholarships for \$3,000 under the program each year, subject to the availability of funds.

Background: The Shriver Center advises that the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program has been able to award summer internship scholarships to approximately 45 students annually in recent years. The program is supported with State general fund appropriations to UMBC.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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