

# HOUSE BILL 484

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By: **Delegate Rudolph**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Community Colleges – Tuition Reduction for**  
3 **Unemployed Individuals**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a community college to establish a certain tuition  
5 reduction program for certain individuals receiving unemployment benefits;  
6 establishing the amount of time certain individuals qualify for a certain tuition  
7 reduction; requiring certain community colleges to develop certain policies and  
8 procedures regarding certain eligibility standards under certain circumstances;  
9 authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt certain  
10 regulations; and generally relating to a tuition reduction for unemployed  
11 individuals at community colleges.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Education

14 Section 16–106.1

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 **16–106.1.**

21 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS:**

22 **(1) RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS;**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION OR IS AN ENROLLED STUDENT IN**  
2 **A COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND**

3           **(3) A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE COMMUNITY**  
4 **COLLEGE THE INDIVIDUAL IS ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION OR ENROLLED IN IS**  
5 **LOCATED.**

6           **(B) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAY ESTABLISH A TUITION REDUCTION**  
7 **PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.**

8           **(C) IF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHOOSES TO ESTABLISH A TUITION**  
9 **REDUCTION PROGRAM:**

10           **(1) EACH INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**  
11 **SECTION MAY QUALIFY FOR A REDUCTION IN TUITION UNDER THE TUITION**  
12 **REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR 2 YEARS OF STUDY; AND**

13           **(2) THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL DEVELOP POLICIES AND**  
14 **PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS REQUIRED**  
15 **FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE TUITION REDUCTION PROGRAM.**

16           **(D) THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**  
17 **SECTION.**

18           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 July 1, 2014.