

Chapter 652

(House Bill 1317)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Maryland Technology Internship Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Technology Internship Program; establishing certain purposes of the Program; requiring ~~the Shriver Center located at~~ the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) to administer the Program and, in collaboration with the Department of Business and Economic Development, undertake certain activities to carry out the purposes of the Program; establishing certain eligibility requirements for participation in the Program; requiring ~~the Shriver Center~~ UMBC to develop a process for tracking and assessing certain outcomes; requiring ~~the Shriver Center~~ UMBC to obtain feedback from Program participants at certain times; authorizing the use of certain awards to reimburse certain businesses for up to a certain percentage of the amount paid to an intern up to a certain amount; requiring ~~the Shriver Center~~ UMBC to prepare a certain annual report; requiring the Governor to make an appropriation in the State budget for a certain purpose; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Technology Internship Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 18–3001 through 18–3010 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 30. Maryland Technology Internship Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

SUBTITLE 30. MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

18–3001.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

~~(C) “SHRIVER CENTER” MEANS THE SHRIVER CENTER LOCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY.~~

~~(D)~~ (C) “TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESS” MEANS A COMMERCIAL OR AN INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE ENGAGED IN THE APPLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE TO PRACTICAL PURPOSES IN A PARTICULAR FIELD.

(D) “UMBC” MEANS THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY.

18-3002.

THERE IS A MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

18-3003.

THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM ARE TO:

(1) CONNECT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, RECENT GRADUATES, AND VETERANS WITH SMALL INNOVATIVE BUSINESSES IN THE HIGH-GROWTH TECHNOLOGY SECTOR THROUGH INTERNSHIPS;

(2) ENCOURAGE HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE TO REMAIN IN THE STATE AFTER GRADUATION;

(3) INCREASE STUDENT UNDERSTANDING OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE STATE;

(4) CREATE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS LEADERS AND ENTREPRENEURS AND DEVELOP OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITIES;

(5) ASSIST SMALL TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES IN DEVELOPING INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS AND RECRUITING FUTURE EMPLOYEES; AND

(6) FOSTER BUSINESS RETENTION AND DEVELOPMENT, JOB CREATION, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND NEW INVESTMENT IN THE STATE.

18-3004.

(A) ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

(B) TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM, ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SHALL:

(1) ESTABLISH AN INTERNET ~~PORTAL~~ SITE THROUGH WHICH:

(I) STUDENTS MAY ~~APPLY ONLINE TO BE MATCHED WITH~~ LEARN ABOUT TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES; AND

(II) TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES MAY REGISTER, POST INFORMATION ABOUT INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, AND APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERNSHIP STIPENDS AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) DEVELOP APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS;

(3) DEVELOP ORIENTATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM;

(4) REVIEW APPLICATIONS AND AWARD REIMBURSEMENTS OF INTERNSHIP STIPENDS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

(5) PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO MEET ENTREPRENEURS AND VISIT TECHNOLOGY-RELATED INDUSTRY INCUBATORS AND LEARN ABOUT STARTING A BUSINESS IN THE STATE;

(6) PROVIDE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES; AND

(7) TRACK AND ASSESS PROGRAM OUTCOMES.

18-3005.

TO QUALIFY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL:

(1) (I) 1. BE A STUDENT ENROLLED AT ~~AN~~ A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION; AND

2. MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE EACH ACADEMIC YEAR;

(II) 1. WITHIN 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR THE PROGRAM, HAVE GRADUATED FROM ~~AN~~ A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION; AND

2. HAVE MAINTAINED A CUMULATIVE 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE DURING THE LATEST ACADEMIC YEAR THE INDIVIDUAL WAS ENROLLED AS A STUDENT; ~~OR~~

(III) 1. BE A STUDENT ENROLLED AT ~~AN~~ A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE STATE, IF THE STUDENT GRADUATED FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE; AND

2. MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE EACH ACADEMIC YEAR; OR

(IV) 1. ~~BE A VETERAN~~ HAVE BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, THE NATIONAL GUARD, OR A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF APPLICATION;

2. BE A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND; AND

3. HAVE GRADUATED FROM A ~~2-YEAR OR 4-YEAR~~ PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

(2) ~~COMMIT TO WORKING AT LEAST 10 HOURS EACH WEEK OR A TOTAL~~ A MINIMUM OF 120 HOURS DURING A SPRING, FALL, OR SUMMER SEMESTER;

(3) ~~ATTEND AN ORIENTATION SESSION PROVIDED OR APPROVED BY THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC; AND

(4) ~~MEET ANY OTHER CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC.

18-3006.

TO QUALIFY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, A BUSINESS SHALL:

(1) BE LOCATED IN THE STATE;

(2) BE A TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESS;

- (3) HAVE NOT MORE THAN 150 EMPLOYEES;
- (4) COMMIT TO HOSTING AN INTERN FOR ~~AT LEAST 10 HOURS EACH WEEK OR A TOTAL~~ A MINIMUM OF 120 HOURS DURING A SPRING, FALL, OR SUMMER SEMESTER;
- (5) PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AN INTERN POSITION WITH THE BUSINESS; AND
- (6) PROVIDE PROOF THAT A REPRESENTATIVE HAS ATTENDED AN ORIENTATION OR TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDED OR APPROVED BY ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC.

18-3007.

(A) ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR TRACKING AND ASSESSING THE OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING:

- (1) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM;
- (2) THE LOCATIONS OF PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES;
- (3) THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS REMAINING IN THE STATE AFTER GRADUATION;
- (4) THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEE HIRES RESULTING FROM INTERNSHIPS;
- (5) THE EFFECT OF THE PROGRAM ON STUDENT UNDERSTANDING OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE STATE;
- (6) STUDENT SKILL GROWTH RESULTING FROM INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES;
- (7) BUSINESS GROWTH OR IMPROVEMENT RESULTING FROM INTERNSHIPS; AND
- (8) THE EFFECT OF THE PROGRAM ON RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN BUSINESSES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

(B) ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC SHALL OBTAIN FEEDBACK FROM PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

(1) AT THE CONCLUSION OF ANY ORIENTATION OR TRAINING PROGRAM;

(2) AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH INTERNSHIP; AND

(3) AT THE FOLLOWING INTERVALS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF EACH INTERNSHIP:

(I) 3 MONTHS;

(II) 6 MONTHS;

(III) 1 YEAR;

(IV) 2 YEARS; AND

(V) 3 YEARS.

18-3008.

MONEY AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE:

(1) MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE A TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESS UP TO 50% OF A STIPEND PAID TO AN INTERN, BUT NOT MORE THAN:

(I) \$1,800 FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER; AND

(II) \$1,200 FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER; AND

(2) MAY TOTAL NOT MORE THAN \$3,000 EACH YEAR FOR EACH ~~BUSINESS~~ INTERN.

18-3009.

(A) AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT ~~OF THE FUND~~ THAT INCLUDES AN ACCOUNTING OF ALL FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES THAT RELATE TO THE PROGRAM.

(B) ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

18-3010.

THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL INCLUDE FUNDS IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR:

(1) THE REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERNSHIP STIPENDS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2014.