

SENATE BILL 801

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By: **Senators Ramirez, Benson, Colburn, Currie, Jones–Rodwell, Klausmeier, Madaleno, Montgomery, and Rosapepe**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Teach It Forward Act of 2014

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop the Maryland Teach It Forward Pilot Program that allows certain students at a certain public institution of higher education to enroll without paying tuition or fees and requires certain students to enter into a binding contract to make certain payments for a certain number of years after graduating; requiring the Commission to select one public institution of higher education to participate in a certain program; establishing a certain duration and a certain number of students participating in a certain program; requiring the Commission to establish a certain amount that must be paid to the State; requiring the Commission to consider certain information when setting a certain amount; authorizing the Commission to specify the circumstances under which no payment is required; requiring the Governor to make a certain appropriation to a certain institution of higher education; requiring certain repayments to be made to a certain State agency and to be deposited into a certain fund; requiring the Commission to identify certain data metrics; requiring a certain public institution of higher education to collect certain data metrics for certain students; authorizing the Commission to establish any other policies or procedures necessary for implementing a certain program; requiring certain reports to be submitted to the Commission and the General Assembly by certain dates; and generally relating to the Maryland Teach It Forward Pilot Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 11–1101 through 11–1108 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11. Maryland Teach It Forward Pilot Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

Article – Education

SUBTITLE 11. MARYLAND TEACH IT FORWARD PILOT PROGRAM.

11-1101.

THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP A PILOT PROGRAM TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARYLAND TEACH IT FORWARD PILOT PROGRAM.

11-1102.

THE MARYLAND TEACH IT FORWARD PILOT PROGRAM SHALL:

(1) ALLOW STUDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE TUITION STATUS AT A MARYLAND PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND WHO INTEND TO ENROLL IN A TEACHER PREPARATION COURSE OF STUDY TO ENROLL IN A MARYLAND PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHOUT PAYING TUITION OR FEES; AND

(2) REQUIRE EACH STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN THE MARYLAND TEACH IT FORWARD PILOT PROGRAM TO ENTER INTO A BINDING CONTRACT TO PAY THE STATE A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE STUDENT'S ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME FOR UP TO 20 YEARS AFTER THE STUDENT GRADUATES.

11-1103.

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL SELECT ONE PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARYLAND TEACH IT FORWARD PILOT PROGRAM.

(B) BEGINNING IN THE FALL OF 2015, THE MARYLAND TEACH IT FORWARD PILOT PROGRAM SHALL LAST FOR 2 ACADEMIC YEARS.

(C) THE PARTICIPATING PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY ENROLL ONLY UP TO 50 STUDENTS PER ACADEMIC YEAR IN THE MARYLAND TEACH IT FORWARD PILOT PROGRAM.

11-1104.

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL SPECIFY THE PERCENTAGE OF A GRADUATE'S ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME THAT MUST BE PAID TO THE STATE.

(B) IN DETERMINING THE PERCENTAGE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION:

(1) SHALL CONSIDER:

(I) THE TOTAL COST OF EDUCATION AT THE PARTICIPATING PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

(II) THE AVERAGE SALARY OF TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN MARYLAND; AND

(2) MAY SPECIFY THAT NO REPAYMENT IS REQUIRED IF THE GRADUATE'S ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME IS BELOW A LEVEL SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION.

11-1105.

(A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE TUITION AND FEES OTHERWISE OWED BY THE PARTICIPATING STUDENTS.

(B) THE PAYMENTS THAT GRADUATES ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE SHALL BE MADE TO THE COMPTROLLER AND SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND.

11-1106.

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL IDENTIFY DATA METRICS REGARDING THE SUCCESS OF THE PARTICIPATING STUDENTS INCLUDING COURSE GRADES, COURSE COMPLETION RATES, PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE, AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS AFTER GRADUATION.

(B) THE PARTICIPATING PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL COLLECT THE DATA METRICS IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION FOR EACH PARTICIPATING STUDENT AND FOR EACH NONPARTICIPATING STUDENT ENROLLED IN A TEACHER PREPARATION COURSE OF STUDY TO COMPARE THE IMPACT OF THE MARYLAND TEACH IT FORWARD PILOT PROGRAM ON STUDENT SUCCESS.

11-1107.

THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH ANY OTHER POLICIES OR PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE MARYLAND TEACH IT FORWARD PILOT PROGRAM.

11-1108.

(A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2015, THE PARTICIPATING PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON:

- (1) THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS;**
- (2) THE DATA METRICS IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION; AND**
- (3) THE PERCENTAGE OF THE ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME REQUIRED TO BE PAID AFTER GRADUATION.**

(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2016, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE PARTICIPATING PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PARTICIPATING STUDENTS AS COMPARED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE NONPARTICIPATING STUDENTS FOR EACH DATA METRIC IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION.

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