## **HOUSE BILL 364**

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg, Platt, and Reznik** Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2015

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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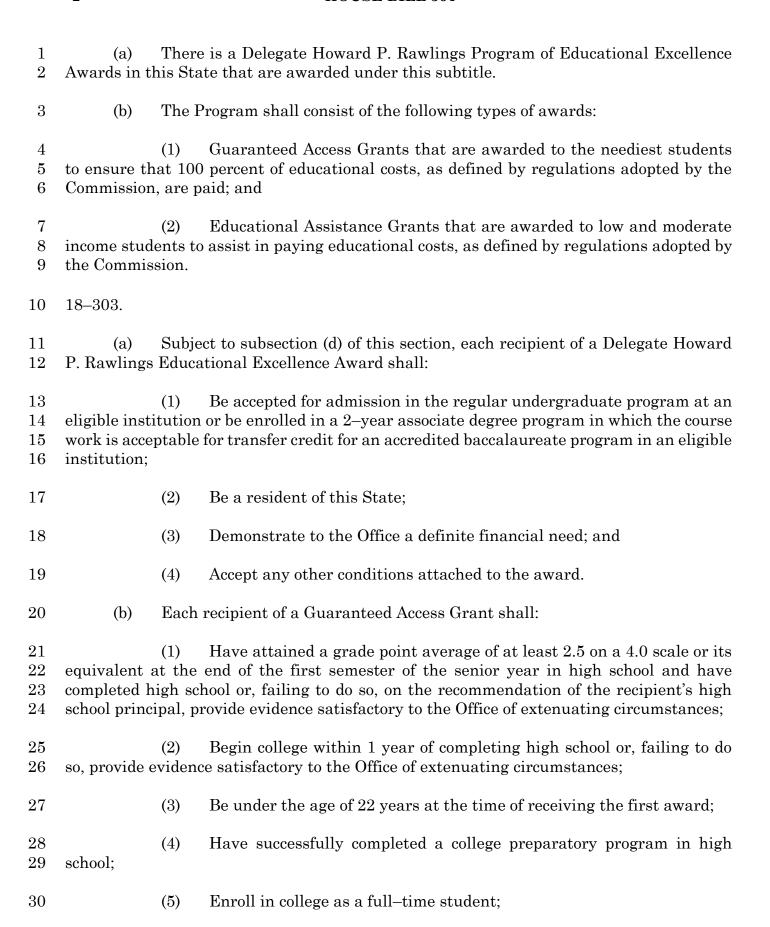
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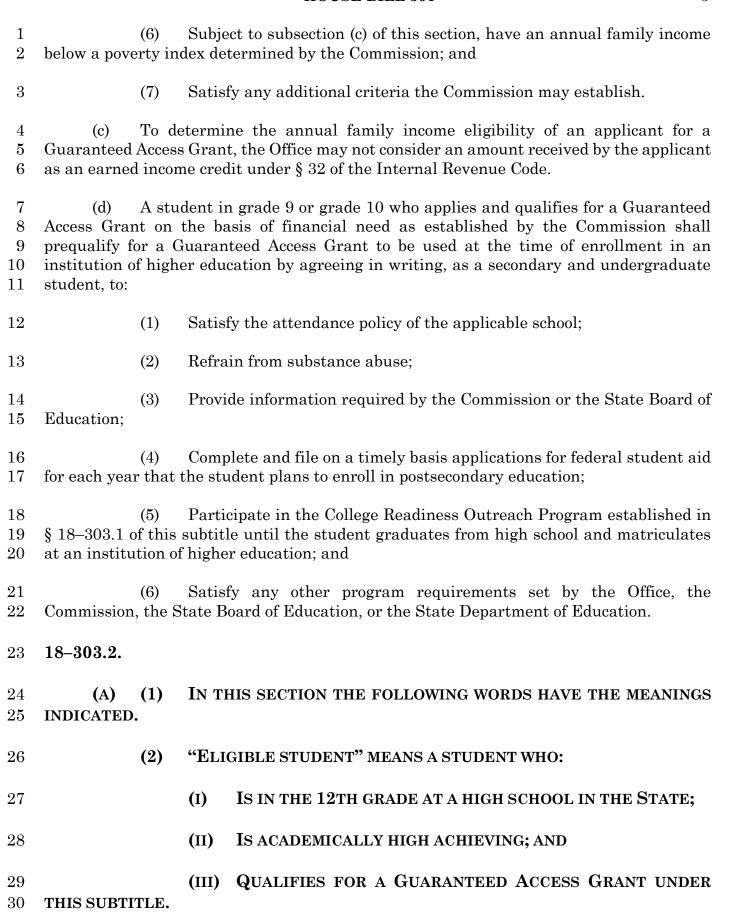
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## Higher Education - College Admissions Outreach Program for High-Achieving Students - Establishment

- 4 FOR the purpose of establishing the College Admissions Outreach Program for 5 High-Achieving Students; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission 6 and the Maryland State Department of Education, in collaboration with certain 7 educational officials, agencies, and organizations, to jointly administer the Program; 8 requiring the Program to provide certain information on the college admissions 9 process to certain students free of charge; requiring the Commission and the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally 10 11 relating to the College Admissions Outreach Program for High-Achieving Students.
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 13 Article Education
- 14 Section 18–301 and 18–303
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)
- 17 BY adding to
- 18 Article Education
- 19 Section 18–303.2
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)
- 22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 24 Article Education
- 25 18–301.





- 1 (3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OUTREACH 2 PROGRAM FOR HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS.
- 3 (B) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH 4 COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS 5 OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SHALL JOINTLY ADMINISTED THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS.
- 5 OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SHALL JOINTLY ADMINISTER THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
- 6 OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS.
- 7 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO ENCOURAGE MORE STUDENTS
- 8 WHO QUALIFY FOR A GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT TO ENROLL IN AN INSTITUTION
- 9 OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT IS A GOOD ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL FIT FOR THE
- 10 STUDENT.
- 11 (D) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO 12 EACH ELIGIBLE STUDENT AT NO COST TO THE STUDENT:
- 13 (1) Information on college admissions and college 14 Application fee waivers; and
- 15 (2) MATERIAL ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO APPLY TO AT LEAST
- 16 FOUR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION DURING THE STUDENT'S APPLICATION
- 17 PROCESS.
- 18 **(E)** FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE 19 BUDGET.
- 20 (F) (1) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT 21 REGULATIONS TO DEFINE A "HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENT".
- 22 (2) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT ANY 23 OTHER REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2015.