

# HOUSE BILL 778

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By: **Delegates Hornberger, Cassilly, and Reilly**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Colleges – Cecil College – Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing Cecil College to offer a certain bachelor’s degree program  
4 in nursing and to award certain bachelor’s degrees in nursing; requiring Cecil  
5 College, in coordination with the Secretary of Higher Education, to adopt certain  
6 rules and regulations; and generally relating to bachelor’s degree programs in  
7 nursing at Cecil College.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 10–210(b)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 16–109

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Education**

21 10–210.

22 (b) **(1)** The community colleges of the State shall:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **[(1)] (I)** Provide a core curriculum of general education, including courses  
2 in the arts and sciences, that should be available to all students;

3           **[(2)] (II)** Provide lower level undergraduate courses, in accordance with  
4 credit transfer guidelines set by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, for students  
5 who aspire to continue their education at a senior institution;

6           **[(3)] (III)** Provide technical and career education programs;

7           **[(4)] (IV)** Provide training in skills and fields of study of importance to the  
8 region's business community;

9           **[(5)] (V)** Provide a wide variety of continuing education programs to  
10 benefit citizens of the community;

11           **[(6)] (VI)** Provide developmental and remedial education for citizens with  
12 needs in these areas; and

13           **[(7)] (VII)** Provide public services to the community's citizens.

14           **(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 16-109 OF THIS ARTICLE, CECIL**  
15 **COLLEGE MAY:**

16                   **(I) PROVIDE UPPER LEVEL UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AND A**  
17 **BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM IN NURSING; AND**

18                   **(II) AWARD BACHELOR'S DEGREES IN NURSING.**

19 **16-109.**

20           **(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, CECIL COLLEGE**  
21 **MAY OFFER A BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM IN NURSING AND MAY AWARD**  
22 **BACHELOR'S DEGREES IN NURSING.**

23           **(B) IF CECIL COLLEGE CHOOSES TO OFFER A BACHELOR'S DEGREE**  
24 **PROGRAM IN NURSING AND AWARD BACHELOR'S DEGREES IN NURSING, THE**  
25 **COLLEGE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE SECRETARY, SHALL ADOPT RULES AND**  
26 **REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE**  
27 **PROGRAM IN NURSING AND THE AWARDING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES IN NURSING**  
28 **AT THE COLLEGE.**

29           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
30 1, 2015.