

# SENATE BILL 120

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Senatorial Scholarships – Awards**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the recipients of certain senatorial scholarships to hold a  
4 certain award for a certain undergraduate academic year or a certain semester under  
5 certain circumstances; requiring certain awards to be included in certain allocations;  
6 making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the recipients of  
7 senatorial scholarships.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Education  
10 Section 18–404(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Education  
15 Section 18–404(b), 18–406(a), and 18–408  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

18 BY adding to  
19 Article – Education  
20 Section 18–406.1  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Education**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 18-404.

2 (a) Each Senator may award \$34,500 of senatorial scholarships each year.

3 (b) (1) The annual allocation under subsection (a) of this section applies to  
4 initial-year awards **AND AWARDS MADE UNDER § 18-406.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE**. After 4  
5 years of operation, the annual allocation to each Senator for initial-year and continuing  
6 awards may not exceed four times the amount of the Senator's allocation under subsection  
7 (a) of this section.

8 (2) If a recipient moves to the legislative district of another Senator, the  
9 allocation to the recipient shall continue to be drawn on the account of the Senator who  
10 originally awarded the scholarship.

11 18-406.

12 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each recipient of a senatorial  
13 scholarship may hold the scholarship for 4 undergraduate academic years, **SUBJECT TO §**  
14 **18-406.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE**, and 4 graduate academic years if [he] **THE RECIPIENT**:

15 (1) Is a full-time student;

16 (2) Continues to be a resident of this State; and

17 (3) Continues to be a student at the institution and takes at least 12  
18 semester hours of courses as an undergraduate or 9 semester hours of courses as a graduate  
19 student each semester leading to a degree.

20 **18-406.1.**

21 **A RECIPIENT MAY HOLD A SCHOLARSHIP FOR A FIFTH UNDERGRADUATE**  
22 **ACADEMIC YEAR OR FOR A SEMESTER SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF A FOURTH**  
23 **UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC YEAR IF THE RECIPIENT:**

24 **(1) REQUESTS A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE SENATOR FOR A FIFTH**  
25 **UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC YEAR OR FOR A SEMESTER SUBSEQUENT TO THE END**  
26 **OF A FOURTH UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC YEAR;**

27 **(2) IS A FULL-TIME STUDENT;**

28 **(3) CONTINUES TO BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;**

29 **(4) CONTINUES TO BE A STUDENT AT THE INSTITUTION AND TAKES**  
30 **COURSES LEADING TO A DEGREE; AND**

1                   **(5) HAS EXHAUSTED THE FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER § 18-406(A) OF**  
2 **THIS SUBTITLE.**

3 18-408.

4           (a) If there is no qualified applicant in a legislative district, a qualified applicant  
5 who resides in another legislative district may be appointed to receive the senatorial  
6 scholarship.

7           (b) **(1) [A] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A**  
8 senatorial scholarship awarded under this section is for 1 year.

9                   **(2) [However, a] A** student who receives an appointment under this section  
10 is eligible to receive a subsequent appointment for not longer than **[3] 4** years.

11           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
12 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has  
13 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to  
14 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
15 enacted.