

## Chapter 364

**(House Bill 527)**

AN ACT concerning

**Higher Education – Maryland Technology Internship Program – Alterations**

FOR the purpose of altering the Maryland Technology Internship Program to include certain technology–based internships with units of State and local governments; requiring the University of Maryland Baltimore County, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, to alter the information and activities provided through a certain Internet site and provide certain recruitment and training opportunities and support for units of State and local government; repealing a requirement that a business have not more than a certain number of employees to qualify for participation in the Program; establishing certain requirements for a unit of State or local government to qualify for participation in the Program; altering the tracked and assessed Program outcomes; authorizing the use of certain awards to reimburse certain businesses or units of State or local government for up to a certain percentage of the amount paid to an intern up to a certain amount; authorizing certain maximum reimbursement amounts to be increased in accordance with changes in employment market conditions in a certain manner; requiring at least a certain percentage of the internships supported by the Program each year to be with certain businesses; and generally relating to the Maryland Technology Internship Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–3001

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–3004, 18–3006, 18–3007(a), and 18–3008

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

**Article – Education**

18–3001.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Program” means the Maryland Technology Internship Program.

(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.

18–3004.

(a) UMBC shall administer the Program.

(b) To carry out the purposes of the Program, UMBC, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, shall:

(1) ~~Establish~~ **UTILIZE** an Internet site through which:

(i) Students may learn about technology–based businesses, **TECHNOLOGY–BASED POSITIONS IN UNITS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**, 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; **AND**

**(III) UNITS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAY REGISTER, POST INFORMATION ABOUT TECHNOLOGY–BASED 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 UNITS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**; and

(7) Track and assess Program outcomes.

18–3006.

(A) 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] (3) Commit to hosting an intern for a minimum of 120 hours during a spring, fall, or summer semester;

[[5] (4) Provide a detailed description of an intern position with the business; and

[[6] (5) Provide proof that a representative has attended an orientation or training program provided or approved by UMBC.

**(B) TO QUALIFY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, A UNIT OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL:**

**(1) COMMIT TO HOSTING AN INTERN FOR A MINIMUM OF 120 HOURS DURING A SPRING, FALL, OR SUMMER SEMESTER;**

**(2) PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A TECHNOLOGY-BASED INTERN POSITION WITH THE UNIT; AND**

**(3) PROVIDE PROOF THAT A REPRESENTATIVE HAS ATTENDED AN ORIENTATION OR TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDED OR APPROVED BY UMBC.**

18-3007.

(a) UMBC shall develop a process for tracking and assessing the outcomes of the Program, including:

(1) The total number of individuals [and], businesses, **AND UNITS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS** participating in the Program;

(2) The locations **AND SIZES** of participating businesses **AND UNITS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;**

(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.

18-3008.

**(A)** ~~Money~~ **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, MONEY** awarded under this subtitle:

(1) May be used to reimburse a technology-based business **OR A UNIT OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT** 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 intern.

**(B) THE MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNTS ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE INCREASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT MARKET CONDITIONS AS JOINTLY DETERMINED BY UMBC AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.**

~~(B)~~ **(C) AT LEAST 50% OF THE INTERNSHIPS SUPPORTED BY THE PROGRAM EACH YEAR SHALL BE WITH BUSINESSES THAT HAVE NOT MORE THAN 150 EMPLOYEES.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

**Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2018.**