

HOUSE BILL 1180

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Teachers**

3 **Ho. Co. 14–18**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Howard County Student Loan Assistance Repayment
5 Program for Teachers; authorizing the governing body of Howard County to establish
6 the Program for teachers employed by the Howard County Public School System;
7 providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring Howard County to assist in the
8 repayment of certain student loans owed by certain teachers who meet certain
9 eligibility requirements; requiring certain loan assistance repayment applicants to
10 demonstrate a certain use of certain loans; requiring the county to establish the
11 amount and terms and conditions of the Program; requiring the county to administer
12 the Program; providing for funding for the Program; authorizing the Howard County
13 Public School System to use Program funds for administrative expenses of the
14 Program; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of the
15 Howard County Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Teachers.

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Education

18 Section 18–3401 through 18–3405 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 34. Howard
19 County Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Teachers”

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 **SUBTITLE 34. HOWARD COUNTY STUDENT LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT**
5 **PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS.**

6 **18-3401.**

7 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
8 INDICATED.

9 (B) “HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN” MEANS ANY LOAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE
10 OR GRADUATE STUDY THAT IS OBTAINED FOR TUITION, EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES,
11 OR LIVING EXPENSES FROM:

12 (1) A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, GOVERNMENT, OR COMMERCIAL
13 SOURCE; OR

14 (2) AN ORGANIZATION, AN INSTITUTION, AN ASSOCIATION, A
15 SOCIETY, OR A CORPORATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3)
16 OR (4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.

17 (C) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE HOWARD COUNTY STUDENT LOAN
18 ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS.

19 **18-3402.**

20 (A) IN HOWARD COUNTY, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE COUNTY MAY
21 ESTABLISH A STUDENT LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS
22 EMPLOYED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

23 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO ATTRACT, RECRUIT, AND RETAIN
24 A DIVERSE CADRE OF QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC
25 SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT IS REFLECTIVE OF THE STUDENT POPULATION WITHIN THE
26 COUNTY SCHOOLS.

27 (C) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY SHALL
28 ASSIST IN THE REPAYMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS OWED BY AN INDIVIDUAL
29 WHO:

30 (1) RECEIVES A GRADUATE, PROFESSIONAL, OR UNDERGRADUATE
31 DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY;

1 **(2) OBTAINS EMPLOYMENT AS A FULL-TIME TEACHER IN THE**
2 **HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM;**

3 **(3) COMMITS TO TEACH IN THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL**
4 **SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 5 YEARS;**

5 **(4) RECEIVES AN INCOME THAT IS LESS THAN THE MAXIMUM**
6 **ELIGIBLE TOTAL INCOME LEVELS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY, INCLUDING ANY**
7 **ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME;**

8 **(5) IS NOT IN DEFAULT ON ANY STUDENT LOAN; AND**

9 **(6) SATISFIES ANY OTHER CRITERIA ESTABLISHED UNDER THE**
10 **PROGRAM BY THE COUNTY.**

11 **(D) AN APPLICANT FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE REPAYMENT OF A COMMERCIAL**
12 **LOAN SHALL DEMONSTRATE TO THE COUNTY THAT THE COMMERCIAL LOAN WAS**
13 **USED FOR TUITION, EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES, OR LIVING EXPENSES FOR GRADUATE**
14 **OR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY.**

15 **18-3403.**

16 **LOAN ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT AND ON**
17 **THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY.**

18 **18-3404.**

19 **THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC**
20 **SCHOOL SYSTEM.**

21 **18-3405.**

22 **(A) FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED ON AN ANNUAL**
23 **BASIS IN THE COUNTY BUDGET IN AN APPROPRIATION SEPARATE FROM THE**
24 **COUNTY'S APPROPRIATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE HOWARD COUNTY**
25 **BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

26 **(B) FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM MAY BE USED TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE**
27 **EXPENSES OF THE PROGRAM.**

28 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
29 **October 1, 2018.**