

SENATE BILL 470

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships – Reimbursement of**
3 **Certificate and License Programs**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain recipients of a senatorial scholarship to use the
5 scholarship to reimburse certain expenses for certificate or license programs at
6 community colleges; exempting certain applicants from the requirement that certain
7 senatorial scholarship recipients take a certain examination and be enrolled in
8 certain institutions; authorizing certain students to use a delegate scholarship to
9 reimburse certain expenses for certificate or license programs at community colleges;
10 making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the use of senatorial and
11 delegate scholarships for the reimbursement of certificate and license programs at
12 community colleges.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Education
15 Section 18–401, 18–405(b), and 18–501(a)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article – Education
20 Section 18–402(a), 18–405(a), 18–406, and 18–506
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 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**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 18-401.

2 There is a program of senatorial scholarships in this State that are awarded under
3 this subtitle.

4 18-402.

5 (a) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)** of this
6 subsection, each applicant for a senatorial scholarship shall:

7 (i) Take a competitive examination administered by the Office; and

8 (ii) 1. Be accepted for admission in the regular undergraduate,
9 graduate, or professional program at an eligible institution; or

10 2. Be enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in
11 which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate
12 program in an eligible institution.

13 (2) An applicant is exempt from the examination if the applicant:

14 (i) Is attending an eligible institution and has completed at least 1
15 year in good academic standing at the institution;

16 (ii) Graduated from high school at least 5 years before application
17 for a senatorial scholarship;

18 (iii) Is accepted for admission to a private career institution, if the
19 institution's curriculum is approved by the Commission, and the institution is accredited
20 by a national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of
21 Education; or

22 (iv) Is planning to attend or is attending a Maryland community
23 college.

24 **(3) AN APPLICANT IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF**
25 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE APPLICANT IS OR WAS ENROLLED IN A**
26 **CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE PROGRAM AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.**

27 18-405.

28 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a senatorial scholarship
29 may be used only at any **COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR** undergraduate, graduate, or
30 professional school in the State.

31 (b) A senatorial scholarship may be used:

1 (1) If the curriculum is approved by the Commission, at a degree granting
2 institution of higher education, a hospital diploma school for training registered nurses, or
3 to attend a private postsecondary proprietary institution that is accredited by a national
4 accrediting association approved by the United States Department of Education as a
5 full-time student; and

6 (2) For educational expenses as defined by the Office, including:

7 (i) Tuition and mandatory fees; and

8 (ii) Room and board.

9 18-406.

10 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each recipient of a senatorial
11 scholarship may hold the scholarship for 4 undergraduate academic years, subject to §
12 18-406.1 of this subtitle, and 4 graduate academic years if the recipient:

13 (1) Is a full-time student;

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

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

18 (b) A recipient of an undergraduate or graduate senatorial scholarship may hold
19 the scholarship, appropriately prorated, for 8 academic years if the recipient:

20 (1) Is a part-time student;

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

22 (3) Continues to be a student at the institution and takes at least 6
23 semester hours of courses each semester leading to a degree.

24 (c) Any recipient of a senatorial scholarship may use up to one-half of the yearly
25 award for summer school.

26 (d) A recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is enrolled in a terminal certificate
27 program as provided in § [18-402(a)] **18-402(A)(1)** of this subtitle may hold the
28 scholarship for 2 years if [he] **THE RECIPIENT** is a full-time student and otherwise meets
29 the conditions of subsection (a) of this section, or may hold the scholarship for 4 years if
30 [he] **THE RECIPIENT** is a part-time student and otherwise meets the conditions of
31 subsection (b) of this section.

32 **(E) A RECIPIENT OF A SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS CURRENTLY**

1 ENROLLED, OR WAS ENROLLED WITHIN THE LAST 2 YEARS, IN A CERTIFICATE OR
2 LICENSE PROGRAM AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AS PROVIDED IN § 18-402(A)(3) OF
3 THIS SUBTITLE, MAY USE THE SCHOLARSHIP TO REIMBURSE EDUCATIONAL
4 EXPENSES AS DEFINED BY THE OFFICE UNDER § 18-405(B)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

5 [(e)] (F) Each recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is enrolled in a private
6 postsecondary proprietary institution that is accredited by a national accrediting
7 association approved by the United States Department of Education:

8 (1) May hold the scholarship for the completion of one program if the
9 student otherwise meets the conditions of subsection (a)(1) and (2) of this section; and

10 (2) Shall complete the program within the length of time prescribed by the
11 institution for the completion of the program.

12 [(f)] (G) A recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is an individual who is on
13 active duty with the United States military and otherwise meets the conditions of
14 subsection (a) or (b) of this section may be domiciled in this State rather than a resident of
15 this State.

16 18-501.

17 (a) There is a program of Delegate Scholarships in this State that are awarded
18 under this subtitle.

19 18-506.

20 (a) As an alternative to the scholarship awards authorized by §§ 18-503 through
21 18-505 of this subtitle, and subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, during
22 each year in office each Delegate may award scholarships in a total amount equal to four
23 times the tuition and mandatory fees for a full-time undergraduate student enrolled at the
24 University of Maryland, College Park Campus for the academic year commencing in that
25 year.

26 (b) A scholarship award under subsection (a) of this section:

27 (1) May not be for an amount less than \$200 or more than one-half of the
28 total amount of scholarships authorized by subsection (a) of this section for that year;

29 (2) Shall be used at an eligible institution;

30 (3) May be used by:

31 (i) A graduate, undergraduate, or professional student; [or]

32 (ii) A student at a private career school within the State that is

1 approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 11–202 of this article
2 and that is accredited by a national accrediting association that is approved by the United
3 States Department of Education; [and] OR

4 **(III) A STUDENT WHO IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED OR WAS**
5 **ENROLLED IN THE LAST 2 YEARS IN A CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE PROGRAM AT A**
6 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE, APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR**
7 **EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES; AND**

8 (4) To the extent it is not used by the student, shall be recredited to the
9 Delegate's scholarship account and may be awarded in the next 12 months by that Delegate
10 to another student pursuant to this section.

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