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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships – Reimbursement of**
3 **~~Certificate and License Programs~~ Expenses for Community College**
4 **Certification and Licensure**

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

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article – Education
18 Section 18–401, 18–405(b), and 18–501(a)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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22 Article – Education

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 18–402(a), 18–405(a), 18–406, and 18–506
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

6 **Article – Education**

7 18–401.

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

10 18–402.

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

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

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

16 2. Be enrolled in a 2–year terminal certificate program in
17 which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate
18 program in an eligible institution.

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

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

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

24 (iii) Is accepted for admission to a private career institution, if the
25 institution’s curriculum is approved by the Commission, and the institution is accredited
26 by a national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of
27 Education; or

28 (iv) Is planning to attend or is attending a Maryland community
29 college.

30 **(3) AN APPLICANT IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF**
31 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE APPLICANT IS OR WAS ENROLLED IN A**

1 **CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE PROGRAM, COURSE, OR SEQUENCE OF COURSES AT A**
2 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT LEADS TO CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE.**

3 18-405.

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

7 (b) A senatorial scholarship may be used:

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

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

14 (i) Tuition and mandatory fees; and

15 (ii) Room and board.

16 18-406.

17 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each recipient of a senatorial
18 scholarship may hold the scholarship for 4 undergraduate academic years, subject to §
19 18-406.1 of this subtitle, and 4 graduate academic years if the recipient:

20 (1) Is a full-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 12
23 semester hours of courses as an undergraduate or 9 semester hours of courses as a graduate
24 student each semester leading to a degree.

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

27 (1) Is a part-time student;

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

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

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

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

9 **(E) A RECIPIENT OF A SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS CURRENTLY**
10 **ENROLLED, OR WAS ENROLLED WITHIN THE LAST 2 YEARS, IN A CERTIFICATE OR**
11 **LICENSE PROGRAM, COURSE, OR SEQUENCE OF COURSES AT A COMMUNITY**
12 **COLLEGE THAT LEADS TO CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE, AS PROVIDED IN §**
13 **18-402(A)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE, MAY USE THE SCHOLARSHIP TO REIMBURSE**
14 **EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES AS DEFINED BY THE OFFICE UNDER § 18-405(B)(2) OF**
15 **THIS SUBTITLE.**

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

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

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

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

27 18-501.

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

30 18-506.

31 (a) As an alternative to the scholarship awards authorized by §§ 18-503 through
32 18-505 of this subtitle, and subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, during
33 each year in office each Delegate may award scholarships in a total amount equal to four
34 times the tuition and mandatory fees for a full-time undergraduate student enrolled at the
35 University of Maryland, College Park Campus for the academic year commencing in that
36 year.

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

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

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

5 (3) May be used by:

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

7 (ii) A student at a private career school within the State that is
8 approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 11-202 of this article
9 and that is accredited by a national accrediting association that is approved by the United
10 States Department of Education; [and] OR

11 (III) A STUDENT WHO IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED OR WAS
12 ENROLLED IN THE LAST 2 YEARS IN A CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE PROGRAM, COURSE,
13 OR SEQUENCE OF COURSES AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT LEADS TO
14 CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE AND IS, APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, AS
15 REIMBURSEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES; AND

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.