

# SENATE BILL 502

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By: **Senator Serafini**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Workforce Development Sequence Scholarship – Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of “Workforce Development Sequence” under  
4 the Workforce Development Sequence Scholarship; expanding the allowable uses of  
5 the Scholarship; and generally related to eligibility under the Workforce  
6 Development Sequence Scholarship.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Education  
9 Section 18–3301 and 18–3303  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Education**

15 18–3301.

16 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (b) “Eligible student” means a student who:

18 (1) Is a Maryland resident or has graduated from a Maryland high school;  
19 and

20 (2) Is enrolled in a Workforce Development Sequence at a public  
21 community college in the State.

22 (c) (1) “Workforce Development Sequence” means:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) A program offered by a community college that is approved by  
2 the Commission and is composed of courses that are related to:

- 3 1. Job preparation or an apprenticeship;
- 4 2. Licensure or certification; or
- 5 3. Job skill enhancement; or

6 (ii) A registered apprenticeship program approved by the Division of  
7 Workforce Development and Adult Learning in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and  
8 Regulation.

9 **(2) "WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE" INCLUDES A SKILLS**  
10 **OR APTITUDE ASSESSMENT THAT ASSISTS IN IDENTIFYING AN APPROPRIATE**  
11 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE, AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
12 **SUBSECTION, FOR AN INDIVIDUAL.**

13 **[(2)] (3)** "Workforce Development Sequence" does not include a sequence  
14 of courses leading to an associate's or bachelor's degree.

15 (d) "Workforce Development Sequence Scholarship" means an award made to an  
16 eligible student under this subtitle.

17 18-3303.

18 (a) An individual may apply to the Office for a scholarship under this section if  
19 the individual is an eligible student.

20 (b) An eligible student who receives a Workforce Development Sequence  
21 Scholarship under this subtitle may use the award for tuition, mandatory fees, **FEES FOR**  
22 **SKILLS OR APTITUDE ASSESSMENTS**, other associated costs of attendance, or costs to  
23 participate in a registered apprenticeship program.

24 (c) The annual amount of a scholarship awarded to an eligible student may not  
25 exceed \$2,000.

26 (d) The Governor shall provide in the annual budget an appropriation of at least  
27 \$1,000,000 to the Commission for the Workforce Development Sequence Scholarship.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
29 1, 2019.