

HOUSE BILL 1175

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program; stating the
4 purposes of the Program; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to
5 administer the Program; requiring the Commission to designate certain campuses
6 at certain public institutions of higher education as hunger-free campuses using
7 certain criteria; authorizing certain public institutions of higher education to develop
8 certain procedures and make certain information publicly available; requiring the
9 Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to include in the annual budget bill a
10 certain appropriation for the Program; requiring the Commission to allocate grant
11 funding to any public institution of higher education designated as a hunger-free
12 campus; requiring the Commission to include a certain plan in a certain strategic
13 plan; authorizing the Commission to set the amount of grant funding to each eligible
14 public institution of higher education; authorizing the Commission to adopt
15 regulations to carry out the requirements of this Act; requiring the Commission to
16 report to the Governor and the General Assembly within a certain time period;
17 defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Hunger-Free Campus Grant
18 Program.

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Education

21 Section 11-1701 through 11-1706 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17.
22 Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program”

23 Annotated Code of Maryland

24 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

27 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **SUBTITLE 17. HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 **11-1701.**

3 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
4 **INDICATED.**

5 **(B) "HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS" MEANS A CAMPUS OF ANY 4-YEAR PUBLIC**
6 **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF §**
7 **11-1703(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE OR ANY 2-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER**
8 **EDUCATION THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 11-1703(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

9 **(C) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS GRANT PROGRAM.**

10 **11-1702.**

11 **(A) THERE IS A HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS GRANT PROGRAM.**

12 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:**

13 **(1) ADDRESS STUDENT HUNGER;**

14 **(2) LEVERAGE MORE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS BASIC**
15 **FOOD NEEDS ON CAMPUS;**

16 **(3) RAISE AWARENESS OF SERVICES CURRENTLY OFFERED ON**
17 **CAMPUS THAT ADDRESS BASIC FOOD NEEDS; AND**

18 **(4) BUILD STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AT THE LOCAL, STATE, AND**
19 **NATIONAL LEVELS TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY AMONG STUDENTS.**

20 **(C) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

21 **(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP THE FORM TO BE USED FOR**
22 **THE ANNUAL STUDENT SURVEY REQUIRED UNDER § 11-1703 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

23 **11-1703.**

24 **(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL DESIGNATE AS A HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS ANY**
25 **CAMPUS OF A 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT:**

26 **(1) HAS ESTABLISHED A HUNGER TASK FORCE THAT:**

- 1 (I) MEETS AT LEAST THREE TIMES PER ACADEMIC YEAR; AND
- 2 (II) SETS AT LEAST TWO GOALS WITH ACTION PLANS;
- 3 (2) HAS DESIGNATED A STAFF MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSISTING
4 STUDENTS IN ENROLLING IN THE MARYLAND FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM;
- 5 (3) HAS DESIGNATED A STAFF MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR
6 INFORMING STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS THAT
7 THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE MARYLAND FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM;
- 8 (4) PROVIDES OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS TO UTILIZE MARYLAND FOOD
9 SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM BENEFITS AT CAMPUS STORES;
- 10 (5) PARTICIPATES IN AN AWARENESS DAY CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY AND
11 PLANS AT LEAST ONE CAMPUS AWARENESS EVENT DURING THE NATIONAL HUNGER
12 AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK;
- 13 (6) PROVIDES AT LEAST ONE FOOD PANTRY ON CAMPUS, OR ENABLES
14 STUDENTS IN NEED TO RECEIVE FOOD THROUGH A SEPARATE, STIGMA-FREE
15 ARRANGEMENT;
- 16 (7) DEVELOPS AND MAINTAINS A MEAL-SHARING PROGRAM THAT
17 ALLOWS STUDENTS TO DONATE THEIR UNUSED MEAL PLAN CREDITS TO BE
18 DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS IN NEED FOR USE IN CAMPUS DINING HALLS OR AT AN
19 ON-CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY;
- 20 (8) CONDUCTS A STANDARDIZED ANNUAL STUDENT SURVEY ON
21 HUNGER AND SUBMITS THE RESULTS TO THE COMMISSION; AND
- 22 (9) SUBMITS AN ANNUAL REPORT DETAILING ITS EFFORTS TO
23 ADDRESS STUDENT HUNGER TO THE COMMISSION.
- 24 (B) THE COMMISSION SHALL DESIGNATE AS A HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS ANY
25 CAMPUS OF A 2-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT MEETS
26 ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
27 EDUCATION IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, WITH THE
28 EXCEPTION OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN SUBSECTION (A)(4) AND (7) OF THIS
29 SECTION.
- 30 (C) (1) EACH 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY
31 DEVELOP ITS OWN PROCEDURES FOR A MEAL-SHARING PROGRAM.

1 **(2) THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION MUST**
2 **MAKE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEAL-SHARING PROGRAM PUBLICLY AVAILABLE,**
3 **INCLUDING:**

4 **(I) HOW A STUDENT MAY DONATE UNUSED MEAL PLAN**
5 **CREDITS;**

6 **(II) HOW A STUDENT IN NEED MAY APPLY TO RECEIVE DONATED**
7 **MEAL PLAN CREDITS; AND**

8 **(III) THE METHODOLOGY THAT A 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION**
9 **OF HIGHER EDUCATION USES TO ENSURE THAT UNUSED DONATED MEAL PLAN**
10 **CREDITS ARE USED TO PURCHASE FOOD TO SUPPORT AN ON-CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY.**

11 **11-1704.**

12 **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**
13 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF**
14 **\$310,000 FOR THE PROGRAM.**

15 **11-1705.**

16 **(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL ALLOCATE GRANT FUNDING TO ANY**
17 **4-YEAR OR 2-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT IS**
18 **DESIGNATED AS A HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS.**

19 **(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT.**

20 **(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL INCORPORATE INTO THE 2021-2025 STATE**
21 **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION A PLAN FOR ADDRESSING ANY BASIC**
22 **NEEDS INSECURITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS.**

23 **(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY**
24 **OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

25 **11-1706.**

26 **(A) NOT LATER THAN 2 YEARS AFTER ESTABLISHING THE PROGRAM, THE**
27 **COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
28 **2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE**
29 **IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

1 **(B) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:**

2 **(1) THE NUMBER AND AMOUNTS OF GRANTS AWARDED;**

3 **(2) THE IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM ON ESTABLISHING HUNGER-FREE**
4 **CAMPUSES AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION;**

5 **(3) THE IMPACT OF AWARDED GRANTS ON REDUCING THE NUMBER**
6 **OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY; AND**

7 **(4) RECOMMENDATIONS ON EXPANDING THE PROGRAM.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2020.