



Maryland Higher Education Commission Testimony
House Bill 901
Higher Education - Part-Time Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships
Appropriations Committee

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Delegate Ben Barnes, Chair

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Good afternoon Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang and committee members. My name is Dr. Sanjay Rai and I serve as the Acting Secretary for the Maryland Higher Education Commission. Chair Barnes, I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 901, “Part-Time Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships - Alterations”. I also want to thank Delegate Sarah Wolek, the sponsor of this legislation for her strong support of students with disabilities and commitment to bettering their lives and educational outcomes.

House Bill 901 seeks to remove the full time requirement for senatorial and delegate scholarships, by allowing a waiver to be determined based on proof of disability. The Maryland Higher Education Commission recognizes the importance of meeting the educational needs of students with disabilities. House Bill 901 will allow eligible recipients to be awarded scholarships even with a part time enrollment status.

This legislation is a powerful tool to better the lives of Marylanders. In closing, I am asking for a favorable report in support of House Bill 901. Thank you.