

SENATE BILL 697

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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- Economic and Environmental Affairs/Ways and Means --

Introduced by **Senator Collins**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **HOPE for Nontraditional Students - Community College Transfer**  
3 **Scholarship Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Community College Transfer Scholarship  
5 Program and providing for the award of scholarships under the Program;  
6 establishing qualifications and requirements for the receipt and retention of an  
7 award under the Program; requiring the State Scholarship Administration to  
8 send a list of scholarship recipients to certain persons; providing for the funding  
9 of the scholarship Program; requiring certain repayment obligations for certain  
10 programs administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission to be  
11 calculated at a certain interest rate and in a certain manner; requiring certain  
12 recipients to commence repayment obligations upon graduation or termination  
13 from certain institutions; and generally relating to the Community College  
14 Transfer Scholarship Program.

15 BY adding to  
16 Article - Education

1 Section 18-112; and 18-2401 through 18-2407, inclusive, to be under the new  
2 subtitle "Subtitle 24. HOPE for Nontraditional Students - Community  
3 College Transfer Scholarship Program"  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

8 **Article - Education**

9 18-112.

10 (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, REPAYMENT  
11 OBLIGATIONS INCURRED BY RECIPIENTS OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE,  
12 SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, OR LOANS ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER  
13 THIS TITLE SHALL BE CALCULATED AT AN INTEREST RATE EQUAL TO AND  
14 MATCHING THE INTEREST RATE ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES  
15 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN ON THE FIRST  
16 DAY OF JULY OF EACH YEAR MINUS 1 PERCENT, WITH INTEREST NOT ACCRUING  
17 PRIOR TO NOTIFICATION TO THE COMMISSION OF A RECIPIENT'S GRADUATION OR  
18 TERMINATION FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

19 (B) A RECIPIENT SHALL COMMENCE REPAYMENT OBLIGATIONS INCURRED  
20 UNDER THIS TITLE UPON GRADUATION OR TERMINATION FROM AN INSTITUTION OF  
21 HIGHER EDUCATION.

22 SUBTITLE 24. HOPE FOR NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS - COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
23 TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

24 18-2401.

25 THERE IS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THE  
26 STATE UNDER WHICH SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

27 18-2402.

28 A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS  
29 SUBTITLE MAY BE USED ONLY AT A 4-YEAR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF  
30 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

31 18-2403.

32 TO QUALIFY FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP, AN  
33 APPLICANT SHALL:

34 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

35 (2) BE A STUDENT AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE;

1 (3) MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0  
2 SCALE WHILE A STUDENT AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE;

3 (4) HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST 60 CREDITS AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
4 IN THE STATE OR HAVE EARNED AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE BY THE END OF THE  
5 SEMESTER IN WHICH THE APPLICANT PLANS TO TRANSFER;

6 (5) BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION IN A DEGREE PROGRAM AT A 4-YEAR  
7 PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;

8 (6) INTEND TO ENROLL IN A 4-YEAR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION  
9 OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE IN ORDER TO COMPLETE A BACHELOR'S  
10 DEGREE PROGRAM;

11 (7) ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN THAT 4-YEAR INSTITUTION;

12 (8) HAVE AN ANNUAL TOTAL FAMILY INCOME OF NOT MORE THAN  
13 \$80,000; AND

14 (9) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS OR SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL  
15 CRITERIA THAT THE COMMISSION OR THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ESTABLISH.

16 18-2404.

17 (A) THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER  
18 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE \$3,000.

19 (B) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED FOR  
20 TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES.

21 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO  
22 RETAIN A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP, THE RECIPIENT SHALL:

23 (I) REMAIN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

24 (II) CONTINUE TO BE ENROLLED AS AN UNDERGRADUATE  
25 STUDENT IN A DEGREE PROGRAM AT A 4-YEAR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF  
26 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;

27 (III) MAINTAIN A 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE EACH  
28 ACADEMIC YEAR THE INDIVIDUAL IS ENROLLED AT A 4-YEAR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC  
29 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE OR PROVIDE EVIDENCE  
30 SATISFACTORY TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES; AND

31 (IV) MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS OF THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION  
32 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENDS.

33 (2) A RECIPIENT OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP  
34 AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL RECEIVE THE AWARD FOR EACH YEAR  
35 THAT THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE IF THE RECIPIENT SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE  
36 TIME OF THE INITIAL AWARD TO:

1 (I) REMAIN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AND:

2 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3)(II) OF THIS  
 3 SUBSECTION, CONTINUE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE AFTER  
 4 COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE  
 5 SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED; OR

6 2. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3)(II) OF THIS  
 7 SUBSECTION, COMMENCE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE WITHIN 1 YEAR  
 8 AFTER COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND THEREAFTER CONTINUE  
 9 EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP  
 10 WAS AWARDED; AND

11 (II) REPAY THE STATE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED UNDER THIS  
 12 ~~SUBTITLE AND SIMPLE INTEREST EQUAL TO THE PRIME RATE OF INTEREST PLUS 2~~  
 13 ~~PERCENT CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PAYMENT OF ANY AWARD~~  
 14 ~~RECEIVED BY THE RECIPIENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AS SET FORTH IN § 18-112 OF~~  
 15 THIS TITLE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

16 1. SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE  
 17 INSTITUTION OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE;  
 18 AND

19 2. MAINTAIN STATE RESIDENCY AND SATISFY THE  
 20 EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

21 (3) (I) THE RESIDENCY AND EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATION REQUIRED BY  
 22 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION BEGINS AFTER GRADUATION AND CANNOT BE  
 23 FULFILLED PRIOR TO GRADUATION FROM AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

24 (II) A RECIPIENT OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER  
 25 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY FULFILL THE EMPLOYMENT  
 26 OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(1) AND 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION OUT  
 27 OF STATE IF THE RECIPIENT:

28 1. WAS EMPLOYED OUT OF STATE AT THE TIME THE  
 29 RECIPIENT RECEIVED THE SCHOLARSHIP;

30 2. CONTINUES EMPLOYMENT WITH THE SAME EMPLOYER  
 31 WHILE RECEIVING THE SCHOLARSHIP; AND

32 3. CONTINUES EMPLOYMENT WITH THE SAME EMPLOYER  
 33 AFTER COMPLETION OF THE RECIPIENT'S UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES.

34 18-2405.

35 ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SEND TO  
 36 EACH MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS IN  
 37 EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT TO WHOM COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER  
 38 SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED.

1 18-2406.

2 THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY  
3 COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

4 18-2407.

5 FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
6 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL  
7 BUDGET OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 2000.