
By: **Senator Collins**
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A BILL ENTITLED

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; and generally relating to the Community College
10 Transfer Scholarship Program.

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Education
13 Section 18-2401 through 18-2407, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
14 "Subtitle 24. HOPE for Nontraditional Students - Community College
15 Transfer Scholarship Program"
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article - Education**

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

23 18-2401.

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

1 18-2402.

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

5 18-2403.

6 TO QUALIFY FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP, AN
7 APPLICANT SHALL:

8 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

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

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

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

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

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

20 (7) ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN THAT 4-YEAR INSTITUTION:

21 (8) HAVE AN ANNUAL TOTAL FAMILY INCOME OF NOT MORE THAN
22 \$80,000; AND

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

25 18-2404.

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

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

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

32 (I) REMAIN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

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

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

8 (IV) MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS OF THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION
9 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENDS.

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

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

15 1. CONTINUE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE
16 AFTER COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR
17 THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED; OR

18 2. COMMENCE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE
19 WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND
20 THEREAFTER CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR
21 THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED; AND

22 (II) REPAY THE STATE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED UNDER THIS
23 SUBTITLE AND SIMPLE INTEREST EQUAL TO THE PRIME RATE OF INTEREST PLUS 2
24 PERCENT CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PAYMENT OF ANY AWARD
25 RECEIVED BY THE RECIPIENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE
26 AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

27 1. SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE
28 INSTITUTION OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE;
29 AND

30 2. MAINTAIN STATE RESIDENCY AND SATISFY THE
31 EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

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

35 18-2405.

36 ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SEND TO
37 EACH MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS IN

1 EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT TO WHOM COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER
2 SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED.

3 18-2406.

4 THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY
5 COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

6 18-2407.

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

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