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By: **Senator Collins**  
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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; 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:

1 **Article - Education**

2 SUBTITLE 24. HOPE FOR NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS - COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
3 TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

4 18-2401.

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

7 18-2402.

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

11 18-2403.

12 TO QUALIFY FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP, AN  
13 APPLICANT SHALL:

14 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (8) HAVE AN ANNUAL TOTAL FAMILY INCOME OF NOT MORE THAN  
28 \$80,000; AND

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

31 18-2404.

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

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

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

5 (I) REMAIN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

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

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

13 (IV) MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS OF THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION  
14 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENDS.

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

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

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

23 2. COMMENCE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE  
24 WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND  
25 THEREAFTER CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR  
26 THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED; AND

27 (II) REPAY THE STATE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED UNDER THIS  
28 SUBTITLE AND SIMPLE INTEREST EQUAL TO THE PRIME RATE OF INTEREST PLUS 2  
29 PERCENT CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PAYMENT OF ANY AWARD  
30 RECEIVED BY THE RECIPIENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE  
31 AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

32 1. SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE  
33 INSTITUTION OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE;  
34 AND

35 2. MAINTAIN STATE RESIDENCY AND SATISFY THE  
36 EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

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

4 18-2405.

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

9 18-2406.

10    THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY  
11 COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

12 18-2407.

13    FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
14 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL  
15 BUDGET OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

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