
By: **Delegate Rawlings**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Community College Transfer Student Need-Based**
3 **Grants - Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a program of community college transfer student
5 grants; requiring the Higher Education Commission, in conjunction with certain
6 institutions of higher education, to establish and administer the program;
7 establishing certain qualifications for a grant recipient; establishing the use and
8 maximum amount of a grant; establishing that a grant is in addition to certain
9 other State awards; providing for the renewal of a grant; requiring the
10 Commission to distribute certain funds to certain institutions of higher
11 education for the award of grants; providing for funding of the grant program;
12 requiring the Commission to adopt certain guidelines and regulations; requiring
13 certain institutions of higher education to provide a certain audit; defining
14 certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of a program of
15 community college transfer student grants.

16 BY adding to
17 Article - Education
18 Section 18-14A-01 through 18-14A-07, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
19 "Subtitle 14A. Community College Transfer Student Grants"
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

24 **Article - Education**

25 **SUBTITLE 14A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANTS.**

26 18-14A-01.

27 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
28 INDICATED.

1 (B) "COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANT" MEANS A GRANT TO
2 A STUDENT WHO:

3 (1) TRANSFERS FROM A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE TO AN
4 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; AND

5 (2) OTHERWISE QUALIFIES FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

6 (C) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS A 4-YEAR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
7 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

8 18-14A-02.

9 IN CONJUNCTION WITH ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS, THE COMMISSION SHALL
10 ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER
11 STUDENT GRANTS.

12 18-14A-03.

13 A RECIPIENT OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANT SHALL:

14 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

15 (2) HAVE EARNED 60 COLLEGE CREDITS OR AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE
16 FROM A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE;

17 (3) ENROLL OR BE ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE
18 STUDENT IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION;

19 (4) DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED UNDER CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY
20 THE COMMISSION;

21 (5) APPLY FOR A FEDERAL PELL GRANT;

22 (6) BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID
23 PROGRAMS;

24 (7) IF ALREADY ENROLLED IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, BE MAKING
25 SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE ELIGIBLE
26 INSTITUTION; AND

27 (8) BEGIN ATTENDING AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION WITHIN 3 YEARS OF
28 EARNING THE REQUIRED 60 COLLEGE CREDITS OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR, FAILING
29 TO DO SO, PROVIDE EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE COMMISSION OF
30 EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

31 18-14A-04.

32 (A) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANT SHALL BE IN THE
33 AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION BUT NOT EXCEEDING THE
34 LESSER OF:

1 (1) ANNUAL TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT THE ELIGIBLE
2 INSTITUTION; OR

3 (2) THE EQUIVALENT ANNUAL TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT THE
4 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK.

5 (B) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANT MAY BE USED FOR
6 TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

7 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, A
8 COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANT IS IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER
9 STATE AWARD THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THE STUDENT UNDER THIS TITLE, UP TO A
10 TOTAL STATE AWARD NOT EXCEEDING TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT THE
11 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

12 (D) A RECIPIENT OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANT
13 MAY RENEW THE AWARD TWO TIMES IF THE RECIPIENT REMAINS ELIGIBLE FOR THE
14 GRANT UNDER § 18-14A-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

15 18-14A-05.

16 (A) THE COMMISSION ANNUALLY SHALL DISTRIBUTE FUNDS, BASED ON THE
17 NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE INSTITUTION WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A
18 GRANT, TO ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS FOR THE AWARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE
19 TRANSFER STUDENT GRANTS.

20 (B) FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANT
21 PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY
22 THE GOVERNOR.

23 18-14A-06.

24 THE COMMISSION SHALL:

25 (1) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE
26 TRANSFER STUDENT GRANTS; AND

27 (2) ADOPT ANY OTHER GUIDELINES OR REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO
28 ADMINISTER THIS SUBTITLE.

29 18-14A-07.

30 AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDS UNDER THIS
31 SUBTITLE SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH AN ANNUAL AUDIT DESCRIBING
32 THE DISPOSITION OF THE FUNDS.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
34 July 1, 2001.