
By: **Harford County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Harford Community College - Baccalaureate Degree**
3 **Pilot Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Harford Community College Baccalaureate
5 Degree Pilot Program; providing for the primary mission and purpose of the
6 Program; requiring Harford Community College to maintain the mission and
7 programs of a Maryland community college including certain policies; requiring
8 the College to maintain the distinction between the College and its HEAT
9 Center; providing for the limits of the College's programs; providing for the
10 offerings of the College's HEAT Center; requiring the College to maintain
11 certain records in a certain manner; requiring the College to report the
12 enrollment status of students in a certain manner; requiring the Board of
13 Trustees of Harford Community College to seek certain accreditation for the
14 Program; authorizing the College to offer certain baccalaureate degrees;
15 authorizing the College to offer certain programs that lead to certain degrees;
16 requiring the Board to select certain degree programs based on certain criteria;
17 prohibiting the College from recruiting outside Harford County; requiring the
18 Board to establish certain fees; requiring the funding for the College to be
19 continued as the funding is determined by a certain formula; requiring a certain
20 evaluation of the Program on a certain date that includes certain information;
21 defining certain terms; providing for a delayed effective date; providing for the
22 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Harford Community
23 College Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.

24 BY adding to
25 Article - Education
26 Section 16-701 through 16-709, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle
27 7. Harford Community College Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program"
28 Annotated Code of Maryland
29 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

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Article - Education

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SUBTITLE 7. HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT
PROGRAM.

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4 16-701.

5 (A) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
6 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM IS BASED ON THE FINDINGS AND
7 POLICIES IN THIS SECTION.

8 (B) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTENDS TO CREATE AN INNOVATIVE MEANS
9 TO INCREASE ACCESS TO BACCALAUREATE DEGREE LEVEL EDUCATION IN AREAS
10 THAT MEET THE GOALS OF THE STATE PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND FOR
11 PERSONS WHOSE CIRCUMSTANCES RESTRICT THEIR ACCESS TO BACCALAUREATE
12 DEGREE OPPORTUNITIES.

13 (C) THIS EDUCATION IS INTENDED TO ADDRESS THE STATE'S WORKFORCE
14 NEEDS, ESPECIALLY FOR TECHNICIANS AND TECHNOLOGISTS IN BUSINESS,
15 AGRICULTURE, HEALTH CARE, AND TEACHING.

16 (D) (1) THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THE HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
17 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY
18 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE FOR STUDENTS AND THE
19 STATE IN THE AREAS OF BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURE FOR TECHNICIANS AND
20 TECHNOLOGISTS, HEALTH CARE, AND EDUCATION.

21 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
22 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC
23 DEVELOPMENT BY PREPARING PEOPLE FOR CAREERS THAT REQUIRE A
24 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AND ARE IN DEMAND BY EXISTING OR EMERGING PUBLIC
25 AND PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN THIS STATE.

26 16-702.

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

29 (B) "ARTSYS" MEANS A COMPUTERIZED DATA INFORMATION SYSTEM WHICH
30 INFORMS STUDENTS AND ADVISORS AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE ABOUT THE
31 TRANSFERABILITY OF EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSE BY INDICATING
32 WHETHER THE COURSE IS TRANSFERABLE AND, IF SO, ALSO INDICATING THE
33 4-YEAR INSTITUTION'S EQUIVALENT COURSE NUMBER.

34 (C) "BOARD OF TRUSTEES" MEANS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARFORD
35 COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

36 (D) "COLLEGE" MEANS HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

1 (E) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
2 COMMISSION.

3 (F) "HEAT CENTER" MEANS THE HIGHER EDUCATION APPLIED TECHNOLOGY
4 CENTER.

5 (G) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
6 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM.

7 (H) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

8 16-703.

9 (A) THERE IS A HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
10 PILOT PROGRAM.

11 (B) THE COLLEGE SHALL MAINTAIN THE MISSION AND POLICIES OF A
12 MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, INCLUDING THE OPEN-DOOR ADMISSIONS
13 POLICY AND THE AUTHORITY TO OFFER ALL PROGRAMS CONSISTENT WITH THE
14 AUTHORITY OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

15 (C) (1) THE COLLEGE SHALL MAINTAIN THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE
16 COLLEGE AND ITS HEAT CENTER.

17 (2) THE COLLEGE IS LIMITED TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAMS AND
18 TO SELECTED BACCALAUREATE DEGREE LEVEL PROGRAMS THAT MEET COMMUNITY
19 AND BUSINESS NEEDS AND ARE AUTHORIZED AS PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION.

20 (3) THE HEAT CENTER SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE MORE DIVERSE
21 PROGRAM OFFERINGS THAT ARE OFFERED BY A PARTICIPATING COLLEGE OR
22 UNIVERSITY.

23 16-704.

24 (A) THE COLLEGE SHALL MAINTAIN SEPARATE RECORDS FOR STUDENTS WHO
25 ARE ENROLLED IN COURSES CLASSIFIED IN THE UPPER DIVISION AND LOWER
26 DIVISION OF A BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM, ACCORDING TO THE ARTSYS SYSTEM.

27 (B) A STUDENT SHALL BE REPORTED AS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT
28 FOR ENROLLMENT IN LOWER-DIVISION COURSES AND AS A BACCALAUREATE
29 DEGREE PROGRAM STUDENT FOR ENROLLMENT IN UPPER-DIVISION COURSES.

30 16-705.

31 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL SEEK THE APPROPRIATE EXPANDED
32 ACCREDITATION FROM THE MIDDLE STATE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND
33 SCHOOLS FOR GRANTING LIMITED BACCALAUREATE DEGREES.

1 16-706.

2 (A) IN ADDITION TO THE CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS, AND DEGREES
3 AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSION, THE COLLEGE MAY OFFER SELECTED
4 BACCALAUREATE DEGREES.

5 (B) (1) THE COLLEGE MAY OFFER PROGRAMS THAT LEAD TO A:

6 (I) BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN FIELDS SELECTED
7 BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES;

8 (II) BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY; AND

9 (III) BACHELOR OF TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES.

10 (2) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL BASE THE SELECTION OF
11 PROGRAMS ON AN ANALYSIS OF WORKFORCE NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN
12 HARFORD COUNTY AND THE STATE, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS OF BUSINESS AND
13 AGRICULTURE FOR TECHNICIANS AND TECHNOLOGISTS, HEALTH CARE, AND
14 EDUCATION.

15 16-707.

16 THE COLLEGE MAY NOT RECRUIT OUTSIDE OF HARFORD COUNTY FOR THE
17 PILOT PROGRAM.

18 16-708.

19 (A) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL ESTABLISH THE LEVEL OF
20 MATRICULATION, TUITION, AND OTHER AUTHORIZED STUDENT FEES.

21 (B) STATE FUNDING FOR THE COLLEGE SHALL CONTINUE TO BE
22 DETERMINED AS IT IS CALCULATED BY THE SENATOR JOHN A. CADE FUNDING
23 FORMULA IN § 16-305 OF THIS ARTICLE.

24 16-709.

25 THE COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF THE
26 HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM UNDER
27 THIS SUBTITLE AT THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2007. THE COMPREHENSIVE
28 EVALUATION SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE PILOT PROGRAM HAS
29 SUCCESSFULLY:

30 (1) INCREASED ACCESS TO BACCALAUREATE DEGREE LEVEL
31 EDUCATION IN HARFORD COUNTY; AND

32 (2) ADDRESSED THE STATE'S WORKFORCE NEEDS, ESPECIALLY THE
33 NEED FOR TECHNICIANS AND TECHNOLOGISTS IN BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURE,
34 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND EDUCATORS.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 January 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and 6 months and, at
3 the end of June 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
4 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.