
By: **Senator Hollinger**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Tuition**
3 **Assistance Program**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the number of credit hours required for a student to
5 receive assistance under the Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health
6 Workforce Tuition Assistance Program; expanding the types of community
7 programs that satisfy a certain employment requirement by altering a certain
8 definition; and generally relating to the Developmental Disabilities and Mental
9 Health Tuition Assistance Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - Education
12 Section 18-2101(b) and 18-2107(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2001 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

16 Article - Education
17 Section 18-2102(a)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

22 **Article - Education**

23 18-2101.

24 (b) "Community-based program" means any [nonprofit] community program
25 licensed by the Developmental Disabilities Administration or approved by the Mental
26 Hygiene Administration to provide habilitation, rehabilitation, residential, or related
27 community support services to individuals with developmental disabilities or mental
28 disorders.

1 18-2102.

2 (a) There is a tuition assistance program under this subtitle for use by
3 students at institutions of higher education in the State who:

4 (1) Work as direct service employees in a community-based program; or

5 (2) Agree to work as direct service employees in a community-based
6 program in the future.

7 18-2107.

8 (a) A student shall be required to repay the State any funds received under
9 the Program if the student fails to:

10 (1) Earn at least [12] NINE credit hours in each academic year in which
11 the student receives assistance through the Program;

12 (2) Make satisfactory progress toward fulfilling all degree requirements
13 of the applicable institution of higher education; or

14 (3) Complete the employment requirement of this subtitle.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2002.