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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 368 (Senator Hollinger) Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Higher Education - Senatorial Scholarships - Out-of-State Institutions Approved to Operate in the State

This bill allows a Senatorial scholarship to be used at an out-of-state institution approved to operate in Maryland.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not affect the amount allocated for Senatorial scholarships or the administration of the program.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A Senatorial scholarship may only be used at an in-state school. Out-of-state institutions may be approved to operate in Maryland if they maintain physical facilities in the State and meet other minimum standards established by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC). Out-of-state institutions must reapply for MHEC approval annually.

Background: Currently, 21 out-of-state institutions of higher education are approved to operate in Maryland. According to data from MHEC, the programs enrolled a combined total of 10,818 Maryland students in the 2004-2005 academic year.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Maryland Independent College and University Association,

Maryland Higher Education Commission, Department of Legislative Services

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