

SENATE BILL 525

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Dual Enrollment Grant Program**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law relating to the inclusion of
4 dually enrolled students in a certain part-time grant program; requiring the
5 Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish and administer a grant
6 program for dually enrolled students; requiring a recipient of a dual enrollment
7 grant to be a resident of the State and a dually enrolled student; requiring the
8 Commission to administer funds for the Dual Enrollment Grant Program and to
9 distribute funds to an institution of higher education on behalf of a dual
10 enrollment grant recipient; requiring funds for the Dual Enrollment Grant
11 Program to be as provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the
12 Governor; requiring the Commission to establish guidelines for the awarding of
13 dual enrollment grants to dually enrolled students; requiring the Commission to
14 adopt certain regulations; requiring the Governor to include certain funds in the
15 State budget for certain fiscal years for the Dual Enrollment Grant Program;
16 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Dual Enrollment Grant
17 Program.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

19 Article – Education

20 Section 18-1401

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2006 Replacement Volume)

23 BY adding to

24 Article – Education

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 18–14A–01 through 18–14A–03 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle
2 14A. Dual Enrollment Grant Program”
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

7 **Article – Education**

8 18–1401.

9 (a) In this section, “part–time student” means a student who is[:

10 (1) Enrolled] **ENROLLED** in a degree–granting program at an eligible
11 institution and taking at least 6 but no more than 11 semester hours of courses each
12 semester[; or

13 (2) Dually enrolled in a secondary school in the State and an
14 institution of higher education].

15 (b) [(1)] In cooperation with the institutions of higher education in the
16 State, the Commission shall establish and administer a grant program for
17 undergraduate part–time students.

18 [(2) Each institution of higher education that participates in the grant
19 program shall establish criteria for awarding a grant or waiver to dually enrolled
20 students.]

21 (c) A recipient of a part–time grant shall:

22 (1) Be a resident of the State; and

23 (2) [(i)] Have demonstrated a definite financial need according to
24 criteria established by the Commission[; or

25 (ii) Be a dually enrolled student].

26 **SUBTITLE 14A. DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT PROGRAM.**

27 **18–14A–01.**

1 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "DUALY ENROLLED STUDENT" MEANS A**
2 **STUDENT WHO IS DUALY ENROLLED IN:**

3 **(1) A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE; AND**

4 **(2) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.**

5 **(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A GRANT**
6 **PROGRAM FOR DUALY ENROLLED STUDENTS.**

7 **(C) A RECIPIENT OF A DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT SHALL:**

8 **(1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE; AND**

9 **(2) BE A DUALY ENROLLED STUDENT.**

10 **18-14A-02.**

11 **(A) FUNDS FOR THE DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE:**

12 **(1) ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSION; AND**

13 **(2) DISTRIBUTED TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION ON**
14 **BEHALF OF A DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT RECIPIENT.**

15 **(B) FUNDS FOR THE DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE**
16 **AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY THE**
17 **GOVERNOR.**

18 **18-14A-03.**

19 **THE COMMISSION SHALL:**

20 **(1) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARDING OF DUAL**
21 **ENROLLMENT GRANTS TO DUALY ENROLLED STUDENTS; AND**

22 **(2) ADOPT ANY OTHER GUIDELINES OR REGULATIONS**
23 **NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, beginning with the fiscal
2 year 2009 State budget and each year thereafter, the Governor shall appropriate to
3 the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the administration of the Dual
4 Enrollment Grant Program established under Title 18, Subtitle 14A of the Education
5 Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, an amount not less than 10% of the amount
6 appropriated to the Commission for the administration of the Part-Time Grant
7 Program established under Title 18, Subtitle 14 of the Education Article.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 June 1, 2007.