

CHAPTER 320

(Senate Bill 286)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Dent–Care Program – Participants and Award Amounts

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain limitation on the number of participants per year in the Maryland Dent–Care Program; repealing a certain limitation on the number of total participants in the Program; repealing a certain limitation on the maximum award amount under the Program; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to adopt regulations to determine certain maximum participants and certain award amounts; and generally relating to the Maryland Dent–Care Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–2401

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2006 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–2405

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article – Education

18–2401.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Higher education loan” means any loan for undergraduate or graduate study leading to practice as a dentist that is obtained for tuition, educational expenses, or living expenses from:

- (1) A college or university, government, or commercial source; or
- (2) An organization, institution, association, society, or corporation that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- (c) “Program” means the Maryland Dent–Care Program.

18–2405.

(a) The Office, on notification by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, may award Higher Education Loan Assistance Grants [to up to 5 participants each year, with a maximum of 15 participants in the Program].

(b) [A Higher Education Loan Assistance Grant under this subtitle may be in the amount of up to \$33,000 per year] **THE OFFICE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO DETERMINE:**

(1) THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM EACH YEAR;

(2) THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TOTAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM; AND

(3) THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF A HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.