

HOUSE BILL 1396

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By: **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

Introduced and read first time: February 25, 2009

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Student Financial Assistance – Dually Enrolled Students**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding eligibility in the Part–Time Grant Program to include
4 certain students who are dually enrolled in certain secondary schools in the
5 State and certain institutions of higher education; providing that a recipient of a
6 certain part–time grant is not required to receive certain academic credit under
7 certain circumstances; authorizing an institution of higher education to use up
8 to a certain amount of Part–Time Grant Program funds for certain purposes;
9 repealing a certain termination provision relating to the Dual Enrollment Grant
10 Program; and generally relating to student financial assistance.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Education
13 Section 18–1401 and 18–1402
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2008 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article – Education
18 Section 18–14A–01 through 18–14A–04
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
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21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
22 Chapter 296 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007
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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 18–1401.

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

6 (1) **IS** enrolled in a degree–granting program at an eligible institution
7 and taking at least 6 but no more than 11 semester hours of courses each semester;
8 **OR**

9 (2) **IS DUALY ENROLLED IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE**
10 **STATE AND AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

11 (b) In cooperation with the institutions of higher education in the State, the
12 Commission shall establish and administer a grant program for undergraduate
13 part–time students.

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

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

16 (2) Have demonstrated a definite financial need according to criteria
17 established by the Commission.

18 (D) **FOR COURSES COMPLETED UNDER THE PROGRAM, A RECIPIENT**
19 **WHO IS DUALY ENROLLED IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE AND AN**
20 **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE**
21 **CREDIT FROM A SECONDARY SCHOOL AND AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER**
22 **EDUCATION AT THE SAME TIME.**

23 18–1402.

24 (a) Funds for the Part–Time Grant Program shall be allocated by the
25 Commission to each institution of higher education based upon the number of
26 undergraduate part–time students with demonstrated financial need who are enrolled
27 in degree–granting programs at the institution.

28 (B) **IN ADDITION TO THE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER § 18–14A–02(B) OF**
29 **THIS TITLE, INSTITUTIONS MAY USE UP TO 10% OF THE PART–TIME GRANT**
30 **ALLOCATION TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO STUDENTS WHO ARE DUALY ENROLLED.**

1 [(b)] (C) Funds for the grant program for part-time students shall be as
2 provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.

3 18-14A-01.

4 (a) In this section, “dually enrolled student” means a student who is dually
5 enrolled in:

6 (1) A secondary school in the State; and

7 (2) An institution of higher education in the State.

8 (b) In cooperation with institutions of higher education in the State, the
9 Commission shall establish and administer a grant program for dually enrolled
10 students.

11 (c) A recipient of a dual enrollment grant shall:

12 (1) Be a resident of the State;

13 (2) Be a dually enrolled student; and

14 (3) Demonstrate financial need according to criteria established by the
15 Commission.

16 (d) For courses completed under the program, a recipient of a dual
17 enrollment grant is not required to receive credit from a secondary school and an
18 institution of higher education at the same time.

19 18-14A-02.

20 (a) Funds for the Dual Enrollment Grant Program shall be allocated by the
21 Commission to an institution of higher education based on the number of dually
22 enrolled students receiving credit for courses completed at the institution.

23 (b) Funds for the Dual Enrollment Grant Program shall be as provided in the
24 annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.

25 18-14A-03.

26 The Commission shall:

27 (1) Establish guidelines for the awarding of dual enrollment grants to
28 dually enrolled students; and

29 (2) Adopt any other guidelines or regulations necessary for the
30 administration of this subtitle.

1 18-14A-04.

2 An institution of higher education that receives State funds under this subtitle
3 shall provide the Commission with an annual audit of the use of the funds.

4 **Chapter 296 of the Acts of 2007**

5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 June 1, 2007. [It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the
7 end of June 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
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14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 July 1, 2009.