

# HOUSE BILL 1396

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

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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; changing the name of the Dual Enrollment Grant Program to the  
11 Early College Access Grant Program; and generally relating to student financial  
12 assistance.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article - Education

15 Section 18-1401 ~~and~~, 18-1402, and 18-14A-01 through 18-14A-03

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2008 Replacement Volume)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

19 Article - Education

20 Section ~~18-14A-01 through~~ 18-14A-04

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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2 Chapter 296 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007  
3 Section 3

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

9 **Article – Education**

10 18–1401.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (D) **FOR COURSES COMPLETED UNDER THE PROGRAM, A RECIPIENT**  
25 **WHO IS DUALY ENROLLED IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE AND AN**  
26 **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE**  
27 **CREDIT FROM A SECONDARY SCHOOL AND AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER**  
28 **EDUCATION AT THE SAME TIME.**

29 18–1402.

30 (a) Funds for the Part–Time Grant Program shall be allocated by the  
31 Commission to each institution of higher education based upon the number of

1 undergraduate part-time students with demonstrated financial need who are enrolled  
2 in degree-granting programs at the institution.

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

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

8 18-14A-01.

9 (a) In this section, "dually enrolled student" means a student who is dually  
10 enrolled in:

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

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

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

16 (c) A recipient of ~~a dual enrollment~~ AN EARLY COLLEGE ACCESS grant  
17 shall:

18 (1) Be a resident of the State;

19 (2) Be a dually enrolled student; and

20 (3) Demonstrate financial need according to criteria established by the  
21 Commission.

22 (d) For courses completed under the program, a recipient of ~~a dual~~  
23 ~~enrollment~~ AN EARLY COLLEGE ACCESS grant is not required to receive credit from a  
24 secondary school and an institution of higher education at the same time.

25 18-14A-02.

26 (a) Funds for the ~~Dual Enrollment~~ EARLY COLLEGE ACCESS Grant  
27 Program shall be allocated by the Commission to an institution of higher education  
28 based on the number of dually enrolled students receiving credit for courses completed  
29 at the institution.

30 (b) Funds for the ~~Dual Enrollment~~ EARLY COLLEGE ACCESS Grant  
31 Program shall be as provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the  
32 Governor.

1 18-14A-03.

2 The Commission shall:

3 (1) Establish guidelines for the awarding of ~~dual enrollment~~ **EARLY**  
4 **COLLEGE ACCESS** grants to dually enrolled students; and

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

7 18-14A-04.

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

10 **Chapter 296 of the Acts of 2007**

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 June 1, 2007. [It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the  
13 end of June 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
14 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

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19 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 July 1, 2009.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.