

CHAPTER 431

(House Bill 948)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Part-Time Grant Program – Eligibility

FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition to change the number of semester hours of courses in which a student must be enrolled in order to qualify as a part-time student for a certain grant program; limiting the number of grants that may be provided to certain students; and generally relating to eligibility for the Part-Time Grant Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–1401 and 18–1402

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Education

18–1401.

(a) In this section, “part-time student” means a student who is enrolled in a degree-granting program at an eligible institution and taking at least [6] **3** but no more than 11 semester hours of courses each semester.

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

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

(1) Be a resident of the State; and

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

18–1402.

(a) **(1)** Funds for the Part-Time Grant Program shall be allocated by the Commission to each institution of higher education based upon the number of undergraduate part-time students with demonstrated financial need who are enrolled in degree-granting programs at the institution.

(2) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY USE UP TO 10% OF THE PART-TIME GRANT ALLOCATION TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN AT LEAST 3 BUT LESS THAN 6 SEMESTER HOURS OF COURSES EACH SEMESTER.

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.