

CHAPTER 459

(House Bill 1396)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Student Financial Assistance – Dually Enrolled Students

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

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

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section ~~18–14A–01 through~~ 18–14A–04

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 296 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007

Section 3

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Chapter 297 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007

Section 3

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]:

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

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

(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.

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

18–1402.

(a) 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.

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

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

18–14A–01.

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

- (1) A secondary school in the State; and
- (2) An institution of higher education in the State.

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

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

- (1) Be a resident of the State;
- (2) Be a dually enrolled student; and
- (3) Demonstrate financial need according to criteria established by the Commission.

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

18-14A-02.

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

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

18-14A-03.

The Commission shall:

- (1) Establish guidelines for the awarding of ~~dual enrollment~~ **EARLY COLLEGE ACCESS** grants to dually enrolled students; and
- (2) Adopt any other guidelines or regulations necessary for the administration of this subtitle.

18-14A-04.

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

Chapter 296 of the Acts of 2007

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

Chapter 297 of the Acts of 2007

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

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.