

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 298

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Waiver” and substitute “Financial Counseling Session Required”; strike beginning with “grant” in line 4 down through “circumstances” in line 6 and substitute “require certain individuals to attend a certain financial counseling session under certain circumstances; specifying that the financial counseling session include certain matters”; in line 6, after “regulations;” insert “providing for the application of this Act;”; in line 7, strike “the waiver of a service obligation commitment by” and substitute “a financial counseling session for applicants for certain student financial assistance by”; and after line 8, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18-201 and 18-205

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with line 17 on page 1 down through line 17 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“18–201.

There is an Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Commission.

18–205.

The Office shall grant a deferment from the service obligation component of a scholarship awarded under this title to:

(Over)

(1) An individual who has been assigned military duty outside of the State; or

(2) The spouse of an individual who has been assigned military duty outside of the State.

18-206.

(A) THE OFFICE SHALL REQUIRE EACH APPLICANT FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR A SCHOLARSHIP, GRANT, OR LOAN ADMINISTERED UNDER THIS TITLE TO ATTEND A FINANCIAL COUNSELING SESSION GIVEN BY THE OFFICE BEFORE THE APPLICANT MAY SIGN A CONTRACT ACCEPTING THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, SCHOLARSHIP, GRANT, OR LOAN.

(B) THE FINANCIAL COUNSELING SESSION SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE LEGAL TERMS, OBLIGATIONS, AND PENALTIES FOR A BREACH OF CONTRACT;

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL CALCULATION OF THE FINANCIAL PENALTIES IMPOSED ON AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE EVENT OF A BREACH OF CONTRACT; AND

(3) AN EXPLANATION OF THE IMPACT ON AN INDIVIDUAL'S CREDIT HISTORY OF A BREACH OF CONTRACT.”;

and in line 18, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 19, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be applied to and interpreted to affect a contract for loan assistance with a service obligation component that was awarded under § 18-1502(c) of the Education Article or Title 18, Subtitle 24 of the Education Article and signed on or after the effective date of this Act.”;

and in line 20, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.