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House Bill 506
Ways and Means

(Delegate Dumais, *et al.*)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Higher Education - Delegate Scholarships - Summer School

This bill repeals a provision that shortens the term of a full-time delegate scholarship by one-half year for each summer of use. The bill also limits the amount used for summer school to one-half of the value of the award for an (rather than the next) academic year.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Total funding for delegate scholarships will not be affected, although fewer students may receive awards due to the scholarship terms not being shortened by one-half year for each summer of use.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: During a term in office, each delegate may award the equivalent of four four-year full-time scholarships or two part-time scholarships for each full-time scholarship available. Delegates may select scholarship recipients on any basis they consider appropriate. The annual amount of a scholarship for any one recipient may not exceed the tuition and mandatory fees at the University System of Maryland institution with the highest annual resident undergraduate tuition and fees, not including University of Maryland University College and University of Maryland, Baltimore. A scholarship award may be used to pay tuition and mandatory fees at a Maryland institution of postsecondary education or, when the desired program of study or appropriate accommodations are not available in Maryland, an out-of-state institution.

Instead of awarding the scholarships themselves, delegates may authorize the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to award funding to eligible applicants under the Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Awards Program. Monies appropriated to MHEC for delegate scholarships that are not used by the end of the fiscal year are retained by MHEC for use by the awarding delegate during subsequent fiscal years.

The Governor's proposed fiscal 2011 budget includes \$5.0 million for delegate scholarships (\$35,436 per delegate).

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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