

HOUSE BILL 1317

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Maryland Technology Internship Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Technology Internship Program;
4 establishing certain purposes of the Program; requiring the Shriver Center
5 located at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County to administer the
6 Program and, in collaboration with the Department of Business and Economic
7 Development, undertake certain activities to carry out the purposes of the
8 Program; establishing certain eligibility requirements for participation in the
9 Program; requiring the Shriver Center to develop a process for tracking and
10 assessing certain outcomes; requiring the Shriver Center to obtain feedback
11 from Program participants at certain times; authorizing the use of certain
12 awards to reimburse certain businesses for up to a certain percentage of the
13 amount paid to an intern up to a certain amount; requiring the Shriver Center
14 to prepare a certain annual report; requiring the Governor to make an
15 appropriation in the State budget for a certain purpose; defining certain terms;
16 and generally relating to the Maryland Technology Internship Program.

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Education

19 Section 18–3001 through 18–3010 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 30.
20 Maryland Technology Internship Program”

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Education**

26 **SUBTITLE 30. MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **18-3001.**

2 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
3 INDICATED.

4 (B) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP
5 PROGRAM.

6 (C) "SHRIVER CENTER" MEANS THE SHRIVER CENTER LOCATED AT
7 THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY.

8 (D) "TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESS" MEANS A COMMERCIAL OR AN
9 INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE ENGAGED IN THE APPLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC
10 KNOWLEDGE TO PRACTICAL PURPOSES IN A PARTICULAR FIELD.

11 **18-3002.**

12 **THERE IS A MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.**

13 **18-3003.**

14 **THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM ARE TO:**

15 (1) CONNECT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, RECENT
16 GRADUATES, AND VETERANS WITH SMALL INNOVATIVE BUSINESSES IN THE
17 HIGH-GROWTH TECHNOLOGY SECTOR THROUGH INTERNSHIPS;

18 (2) ENCOURAGE HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS AT INSTITUTIONS
19 OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE TO REMAIN IN THE STATE AFTER
20 GRADUATION;

21 (3) INCREASE STUDENT UNDERSTANDING OF EMPLOYMENT
22 OPPORTUNITIES IN THE STATE;

23 (4) CREATE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND
24 COMMUNITY BUSINESS LEADERS AND ENTREPRENEURS AND DEVELOP
25 OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITIES;

26 (5) ASSIST SMALL TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES IN
27 DEVELOPING INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS AND RECRUITING FUTURE EMPLOYEES;
28 AND

1 **(6) FOSTER BUSINESS RETENTION AND DEVELOPMENT, JOB**
2 **CREATION, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND NEW INVESTMENT IN THE STATE.**

3 **18-3004.**

4 **(A) THE SHRIVER CENTER SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

5 **(B) TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM, THE SHRIVER**
6 **CENTER, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND**
7 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SHALL:**

8 **(1) ESTABLISH AN INTERNET PORTAL THROUGH WHICH:**

9 **(I) STUDENTS MAY APPLY ONLINE TO BE MATCHED WITH**
10 **TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES; AND**

11 **(II) TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES MAY REGISTER,**
12 **POST INFORMATION ABOUT INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, AND APPLY FOR**
13 **REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERNSHIP STIPENDS AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS**
14 **SUBTITLE;**

15 **(2) DEVELOP APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS;**

16 **(3) DEVELOP ORIENTATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR**
17 **PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM;**

18 **(4) REVIEW APPLICATIONS AND AWARD REIMBURSEMENTS OF**
19 **INTERNSHIP STIPENDS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;**

20 **(5) PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO MEET**
21 **ENTREPRENEURS AND VISIT TECHNOLOGY-RELATED INDUSTRY INCUBATORS;**

22 **(6) PROVIDE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND**
23 **SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES; AND**

24 **(7) TRACK AND ASSESS PROGRAM OUTCOMES.**

25 **18-3005.**

26 **TO QUALIFY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, AN INDIVIDUAL**
27 **SHALL:**

1 **(1) (i) 1. BE A STUDENT ENROLLED AT AN INSTITUTION OF**
2 **HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF**
3 **APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION; AND**

4 **2. MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE 3.0 GRADE POINT**
5 **AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE EACH ACADEMIC YEAR;**

6 **(ii) 1. WITHIN 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE OF**
7 **APPLICATION FOR THE PROGRAM, HAVE GRADUATED FROM AN INSTITUTION OF**
8 **HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF**
9 **APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION; AND**

10 **2. HAVE MAINTAINED A CUMULATIVE 3.0 GRADE**
11 **POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE DURING THE LATEST ACADEMIC YEAR THE**
12 **INDIVIDUAL WAS ENROLLED AS A STUDENT; OR**

13 **(iii) 1. BE A STUDENT ENROLLED AT AN INSTITUTION OF**
14 **HIGHER EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE STATE, IF THE STUDENT GRADUATED FROM**
15 **A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE; AND**

16 **2. MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE 3.0 GRADE POINT**
17 **AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE EACH ACADEMIC YEAR;**

18 **(iv) BE A VETERAN;**

19 **(2) COMMIT TO WORKING AT LEAST 10 HOURS EACH WEEK OR A**
20 **TOTAL OF 120 HOURS DURING A SPRING, FALL, OR SUMMER SEMESTER;**

21 **(3) ATTEND AN ORIENTATION SESSION PROVIDED OR APPROVED**
22 **BY THE SHRIVER CENTER; AND**

23 **(4) MEET ANY OTHER CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE SHRIVER**
24 **CENTER.**

25 **18-3006.**

26 **TO QUALIFY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, A BUSINESS SHALL:**

27 **(1) BE LOCATED IN THE STATE;**

28 **(2) BE A TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESS;**

29 **(3) HAVE NOT MORE THAN 150 EMPLOYEES;**

1 **(4) COMMIT TO HOSTING AN INTERN FOR AT LEAST 10 HOURS**
2 **EACH WEEK OR A TOTAL OF 120 HOURS DURING A SPRING, FALL, OR SUMMER**
3 **SEMESTER;**

4 **(5) PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AN INTERN POSITION**
5 **WITH THE BUSINESS; AND**

6 **(6) PROVIDE PROOF THAT A REPRESENTATIVE HAS ATTENDED AN**
7 **ORIENTATION OR TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDED OR APPROVED BY THE**
8 **SHRIVER CENTER.**

9 **18-3007.**

10 **(A) THE SHRIVER CENTER SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR TRACKING**
11 **AND ASSESSING THE OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING:**

12 **(1) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES**
13 **PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM;**

14 **(2) THE LOCATIONS OF PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES;**

15 **(3) THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS REMAINING IN**
16 **THE STATE AFTER GRADUATION;**

17 **(4) THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEE HIRES RESULTING FROM**
18 **INTERNSHIPS;**

19 **(5) THE EFFECT OF THE PROGRAM ON STUDENT**
20 **UNDERSTANDING OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL**
21 **BUSINESSES IN THE STATE;**

22 **(6) STUDENT SKILL GROWTH RESULTING FROM INTERNSHIP**
23 **EXPERIENCES;**

24 **(7) BUSINESS GROWTH OR IMPROVEMENT RESULTING FROM**
25 **INTERNSHIPS; AND**

26 **(8) THE EFFECT OF THE PROGRAM ON RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN**
27 **BUSINESSES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.**

28 **(B) THE SHRIVER CENTER SHALL OBTAIN FEEDBACK FROM PROGRAM**
29 **PARTICIPANTS:**

1 (1) AT THE CONCLUSION OF ANY ORIENTATION OR TRAINING
2 PROGRAM;

3 (2) AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH INTERNSHIP; AND

4 (3) AT THE FOLLOWING INTERVALS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF
5 EACH INTERNSHIP:

6 (I) 3 MONTHS;

7 (II) 6 MONTHS;

8 (III) 1 YEAR;

9 (IV) 2 YEARS; AND

10 (V) 3 YEARS.

11 **18-3008.**

12 **MONEY AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE:**

13 (1) MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE A TECHNOLOGY-BASED
14 BUSINESS UP TO 50% OF A STIPEND PAID TO AN INTERN, BUT NOT MORE THAN:

15 (I) \$1,800 FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER; AND

16 (II) \$1,200 FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER; AND

17 (2) MAY TOTAL NOT MORE THAN \$3,000 EACH YEAR FOR EACH
18 BUSINESS.

19 **18-3009.**

20 (A) AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE SHRIVER CENTER SHALL
21 PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FUND THAT INCLUDES AN ACCOUNTING
22 OF ALL FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES THAT RELATE TO THE
23 PROGRAM.

24 (B) THE SHRIVER CENTER SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF THE REPORT TO
25 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE
26 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

1 **18-3010.**

2 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL INCLUDE FUNDS IN THE STATE**
3 **BUDGET FOR:**

4 **(1) THE REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERNSHIP STIPENDS UNDER THIS**
5 **SUBTITLE; AND**

6 **(2) THE SHRIVER CENTER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

7 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
8 **July 1, 2014.**