

SENATE BILL 535

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CF HB 152

By: **Senators Madaleno, Montgomery, and Rosapepe**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Colleges – Tuition Waiver for Disabled Individuals – Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain requirements for receiving an exemption from the
4 payment of tuition at community colleges for certain disabled individuals; and
5 generally relating to tuition waivers for disabled individuals at community colleges.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Education

8 Section 16–106(c)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Education**

14 16–106.

15 (c) (1) Any resident of this State who is out of the work force by reason of total
16 and permanent disability who enrolls at a community college in a class that has at least 10
17 regularly enrolled students:

18 (i) Is exempt from payment of tuition:

19 1. For up to 6 credits per semester or up to 12 credits per
20 semester if the individual is enrolled in classes as part of a degree or a certificate program
21 designed to lead to employment; or

22 2. For continuing education instruction designed to lead to
23 employment, including life skills instruction; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(ii) Shall be counted in computing full-time equivalent enrollment under § 16–305 of this title.

8 (i) Total and permanent disability; and

9 (ii) Receipt of disability or retirement benefits based on a standard
10 that is at least as stringent as the standard applied by the Social Security Act.

(iv)] (II) On request, the community college shall assist any individual required to submit an application for State or federal student financial aid under this paragraph.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
27 1, 2015.