

SENATE BILL 669

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By: **Senators Young, Lee, Nathan–Pulliam, and Rosapepe**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Orphans and Foster Care**
3 **Recipients**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for
5 Orphans and Foster Care Recipients; establishing eligibility requirements for
6 participation in the Program; providing for the amount, duration, renewal, and uses
7 of certain awards; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to adopt
8 certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act;
9 and generally relating to the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for
10 Orphans and Foster Care Recipients.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Education

13 Section 18–3101 through 18–3106 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 31.
14 Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Orphans and Foster Care
15 Recipients”

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **(2) RECEIVED A GRADUATE, PROFESSIONAL, OR UNDERGRADUATE**
2 **DEGREE FROM ~~A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY~~ AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION**
3 **IN THE STATE; AND**

4 **(3) MEETS ANY OTHER REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE.**

5 **(C) AN APPLICANT FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE REPAYMENT OF A COMMERCIAL**
6 **LOAN SHALL DEMONSTRATE TO THE OFFICE THAT THE COMMERCIAL LOAN WAS**
7 **USED FOR TUITION, EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES, OR LIVING EXPENSES FOR**
8 **GRADUATE, PROFESSIONAL, OR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY.**

9 **(D) ASSISTANCE IN THE REPAYMENT OF A LOAN FROM AN ENTITY SET**
10 **FORTH IN § 18-1601(C)(2) OF THIS TITLE SHALL REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE**
11 **OFFICE.**

12 **18-3103.**

13 **THE AWARD AMOUNT UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL BE EQUAL TO 10% OF THE**
14 **ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL'S TOTAL HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN DEBT FOR EACH YEAR**
15 **THE INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIES FOR THE PROGRAM.**

16 **18-3104.**

17 **(A) EACH RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY HOLD THE**
18 **AWARD FOR 3 YEARS IF THE RECIPIENT:**

19 **(1) CONTINUES TO MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS SPECIFIED UNDER §**
20 **18-3102 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

21 **(2) SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE AWARD TO REMAIN**
22 **EMPLOYED BY THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE**
23 **TERM OF THE AWARD.**

24 **(B) EACH AWARD UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL BE RENEWABLE ON THE**
25 **EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE AWARD.**

26 **18-3105.**

27 **AN AWARD UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR REPAYMENT OF**
28 **THE HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS OWED BY THE RECIPIENT.**

29 **18-3106.**

1 THE OFFICE SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS
2 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
4 apply retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect any individual who
5 meets the eligibility requirements of the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program
6 for Orphans and Foster Care Recipients of Title 18, Subtitle 31 of the Education Article, as
7 enacted by Section 1 of this Act, on or after July 1, ~~2012~~ 2010.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.