

SENATE BILL 272

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By: **Senators King, Currie, Edwards, Guzzone, Manno, Peters, Serafini, and Young**
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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Financial Aid – Deaf and Hearing Impaired Students – Out-of-State Institutions**
3 **of Higher Education**

4 FOR the purpose of altering an exception to a certain provision of law that authorizes the
5 use of certain student financial assistance only at a certain institution of higher
6 education in the State; authorizing the use of a Howard P. Rawlings Educational
7 Excellence Award at an institution of higher education that is not in the State if the
8 applicant is a deaf or hearing impaired student attending an institution of higher
9 education that makes certain provisions for deaf and hearing impaired students and
10 comparable provisions are not available to the student at an institution of higher
11 education in the State; altering a certain provision of law that prohibits the Office of
12 Student Financial Assistance from awarding more than a certain percent of funds
13 available for certain types of grants for use by students attending certain
14 out-of-state schools; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally
15 relating to State financial aid for deaf and hearing impaired students attending
16 out-of-state institutions of higher education.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Education
19 Section 18–103
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
22 (As enacted by Chapter 277 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
24 Article – Education
25 Section 18–305
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 18–103.

5 Except as otherwise provided in Subtitles 3, 4, 5, and 12 of this title, a scholarship,
6 grant, loan, or other student financial assistance awarded by the Office may be used only
7 at a public or private nonprofit institution of higher education in this State that possesses
8 a certificate of approval from the Commission.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
10 as follows:

11 **Article – Education**

12 18–305.

13 (a) A Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Award may be used:

14 (1) At a degree granting institution of higher education, an eligible
15 institution with an associate degree program that provides transfer credit for an accredited
16 baccalaureate program, or a hospital diploma school for training registered nurses if the
17 curriculum is approved by the Commission; and

18 (2) For educational expenses as defined by the Commission, including:

19 (i) Tuition and fees; and

20 (ii) Room and board.

21 (b) Except as provided in subsection [(c)] (D) of this section, a Delegate Howard
22 P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Award may be used at a school in another state if:

23 (1) There is a reciprocal agreement as provided in § 18–308 of this subtitle;
24 and

25 (2) The school meets requirements of subsection (a)(1) of this section.

26 (C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, A
27 DELEGATE HOWARD P. RAWLINGS EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD MAY BE
28 USED AT A DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT IS NOT IN
29 THE STATE IF:

1 **(1) THE APPLICANT IS A DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED STUDENT**
2 **ATTENDING AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT MAKES SPECIAL**
3 **PROVISIONS FOR DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED STUDENTS; AND**

4 **(2) COMPARABLE SPECIAL PROVISIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO THE**
5 **STUDENT AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.**

6 **[(c)] (D)** The Office may not award more than 10% of the funds available for each
7 of the types of grants awarded under this subtitle for use by students attending schools in
8 another state **AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2016, the effective date of Chapter 277 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011. If
11 the effective date of Chapter 277 is amended, Section 1 of this Act shall take effect on the
12 taking effect of Chapter 277.

13 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 3 of this
14 Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.