

Chapter 181

(Senate Bill 272)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 277 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–305

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

18–103.

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

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

Article – Education

18–305.

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

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

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

(i) Tuition and fees; and

(ii) Room and board.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 26, 2016.