

Chapter 686

(Senate Bill 595)

AN ACT concerning

Education – ~~Dual Enrollment~~ – Middle School Students – Awarding of Credit

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the grade that certain students must complete in order for certain public institutions of higher education to accept the student for special admission; repealing the requirement that certain students must earn a certain score on a certain test in order for certain public institutions of higher education to accept the student for special admission; authorizing certain middle school students to participate in certain dual enrollment programs; and generally relating to dual enrollment for~~ requiring certain county boards of education to award credit to certain middle school students under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the awarding of credit to middle school students.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article – Education~~

~~Section 15-101(b), 18-1401(a) and (d), 18-14A-01(a) and (e), 18-14A-04(b), and 24-703.1~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)~~

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 4-132

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

4-132.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A COUNTY BOARD SHALL AWARD CREDIT TO A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT FOR ANY COURSE FOR WHICH A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WOULD BE AWARDED CREDIT IF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT MEETS THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.

~~15-101.~~

~~(b) (1) Each public institution of higher education may accept, for special admission any student who has:~~

~~(i) Completed] COMPLETED the [seventh] FIFTH grade]; and~~

~~(ii) A scholastic aptitude test combined score of 1,200 or an equivalent score on a nationally accepted college entrance examination].~~

~~(2) This subsection does not affect the State or local share of aid provided pursuant to § 5-202 of this article to the secondary school in which the student is enrolled.~~

~~18-1401.~~

~~(a) In this section, “part-time student” means a student who:~~

~~(1) Is enrolled in a degree-granting program at an eligible institution and taking at least 3 but no more than 11 semester hours of courses each semester; or~~

~~(2) Is dually enrolled in a [secondary] MIDDLE OR HIGH school in the State and an institution of higher education.~~

~~(d) For courses completed under the program, a recipient who is dually enrolled in a [secondary] MIDDLE OR HIGH school in the State and an institution of higher education may not be required to receive credit from a [secondary] MIDDLE OR HIGH school and an institution of higher education at the same time.~~

~~18-14A-01.~~

~~(a) (1) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

~~(2) “Dually enrolled student” means a student who is dually enrolled in:~~

~~(i) A [secondary] MIDDLE OR HIGH school in the State; and~~

~~(ii) An institution of higher education in the State.~~

~~(3) “Grant” means the Early College Access Grant.~~

~~(e) For courses completed under the Grant, a recipient is not required to receive credit from a [secondary] MIDDLE OR HIGH school and an institution of higher education at the same time.~~

~~18-14A-04.~~

~~(b) (1) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, for each dually enrolled student who is enrolled in a public MIDDLE OR HIGH school in the county, the county board shall pay for up to a maximum of four courses in which the student is enrolled while a student in a public [secondary] MIDDLE OR HIGH school in the State:~~

~~(i) For a public senior institution of higher education, 75% of the cost of tuition; and~~

~~(ii) For a community college, the lesser of:~~

~~1. 5% of the target per pupil foundation amount established under § 5-202(a) of this article; or~~

~~2. 75% of the cost of tuition.~~

~~(2) For each course in excess of four in which a dually enrolled student is enrolled, the county board shall pay:~~

~~(i) For a public senior institution of higher education, 90% of the cost of tuition; and~~

~~(ii) For a community college, the lesser of:~~

~~1. 5% of the target per pupil foundation amount established under § 5-202(a) of this article; or~~

~~2. 90% of the cost of tuition.~~

~~(3) If there is an agreement before July 1, 2013, between a public school and a public institution of higher education in which the public institution of higher education charges less than 75% of the cost of tuition to a dually enrolled student, the county board shall pay the cost of tuition under the existing agreement.~~

~~24-703.1.~~

~~The Center shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 15 of each year, disaggregated by local school system, regarding:~~

~~(1) The number of students who are dually enrolled under Title 18, Subtitle 14A of this article; and~~

~~(2) The number and course name of the courses in which a student under item (1) of this section dually enrolls at the MIDDLE OR high school and at the public institution of higher education.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 28, 2016.