

Chapter 597

(Senate Bill 1202)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Richard W. Collins III Leadership With Honor Scholarship – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Richard W. Collins III Leadership With Honor Scholarship Program; establishing certain eligibility requirements for the scholarship; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission to award a certain percentage of certain grant money to certain students and to make certain determinations when making certain awards; requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the annual State budget for the Program; ~~authorizing~~ requiring the Office to adopt certain procedures or regulations; and generally relating to the establishment of the Richard W. Collins III Leadership With Honor Scholarship Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 18–605

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

18–605.

(A) THERE IS A RICHARD W. COLLINS III LEADERSHIP WITH HONOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

(B) AN INDIVIDUAL IS ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS:

(1) ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE TUITION;

(2) A MEMBER OF A RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) PROGRAM;

~~(2)~~ (3) A MINORITY STUDENT OR A STUDENT WHO IS A MEMBER OF ANOTHER GROUP HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED IN RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) PROGRAMS; AND

~~(3)~~ (4) A STUDENT AT A HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN THE STATE.

(C) THE OFFICE SHALL:

(1) AWARD 25% OF ITS TOTAL ANNUAL GRANT MONEY TO STUDENTS AT BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;

(2) AWARD 75% OF ITS TOTAL ANNUAL GRANT MONEY TO STUDENTS AT HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OTHER THAN BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;

(3) DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF EACH AWARD;

(4) SELECT THE RECIPIENT OF EACH AWARD; AND

(5) PRIORITIZE STUDENTS WITH FINANCIAL NEED IN SELECTING RECIPIENTS OF EACH AWARD.

(D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$1,000,000 TO THE PROGRAM.

(E) THE OFFICE ~~MAY~~ SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES OR REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2018.