

HOUSE BILL 527

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg and Jones**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Maryland Technology Internship Program – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the Maryland Technology Internship Program to include
4 certain technology–based internships with units of State and local governments;
5 requiring the University of Maryland Baltimore County, in collaboration with the
6 Department of Commerce, to alter the information and activities provided through a
7 certain Internet site and provide certain recruitment and training opportunities and
8 support for units of State and local government; repealing a requirement that a
9 business have not more than a certain number of employees to qualify for
10 participation in the Program; establishing certain requirements for a unit of State
11 or local government to qualify for participation in the Program; altering the tracked
12 and assessed Program outcomes; authorizing the use of certain awards to reimburse
13 certain businesses or units of State or local government for up to a certain percentage
14 of the amount paid to an intern up to a certain amount; requiring at least a certain
15 percentage of the internships supported by the Program each year to be with certain
16 businesses; and generally relating to the Maryland Technology Internship Program.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article – Education
19 Section 18–3001
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – Education
24 Section 18–3004, 18–3006, 18–3007(a), and 18–3008
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Education

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2 18–3001.

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

4 (b) “Program” means the Maryland Technology Internship Program.

5 (c) “Technology–based business” means a commercial or an industrial enterprise
6 engaged in the application of scientific knowledge to practical purposes in a particular field.

7 (d) “UMBC” means the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

8 18–3004.

9 (a) UMBC shall administer the Program.

10 (b) To carry out the purposes of the Program, UMBC, in collaboration with the
11 Department of Commerce, shall:

12 (1) Establish an Internet site through which:

13 (i) Students may learn about technology–based businesses,
14 **TECHNOLOGY–BASED POSITIONS IN UNITS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS,**
15 and internship opportunities; **[and]**16 (ii) Technology–based businesses may register, post information
17 about internship opportunities, and apply for reimbursement of internship stipends as
18 provided under this subtitle; **AND**19 **(III) UNITS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAY**
20 **REGISTER, POST INFORMATION ABOUT TECHNOLOGY–BASED INTERNSHIP**
21 **OPPORTUNITIES, AND APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERNSHIP STIPENDS AS**
22 **PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;**

23 (2) Develop application and registration requirements;

24 (3) Develop orientation and training programs for participants in the
25 Program;26 (4) Review applications and award reimbursements of internship stipends
27 under this subtitle;28 (5) Provide opportunities for students to meet entrepreneurs and visit
29 technology–related industry incubators and learn about starting a business in the State;

1 (6) Provide recruitment and training opportunities and support for
2 participating businesses **AND UNITS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**; and

3 (7) Track and assess Program outcomes.

4 18-3006.

5 (A) To qualify for participation in the Program, a business shall:

6 (1) Be located in the State;

7 (2) Be a technology-based business;

8 [(3) Have not more than 150 employees;]

9 [(4) (3) Commit to hosting an intern for a minimum of 120 hours during
10 a spring, fall, or summer semester;

11 [(5) (4) Provide a detailed description of an intern position with the
12 business; and

13 [(6) (5) Provide proof that a representative has attended an orientation
14 or training program provided or approved by UMBC.

15 (B) **TO QUALIFY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, A UNIT OF STATE
16 OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL:**

17 (1) **COMMIT TO HOSTING AN INTERN FOR A MINIMUM OF 120 HOURS
18 DURING A SPRING, FALL, OR SUMMER SEMESTER;**

19 (2) **PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A TECHNOLOGY-BASED
20 INTERN POSITION WITH THE UNIT; AND**

21 (3) **PROVIDE PROOF THAT A REPRESENTATIVE HAS ATTENDED AN
22 ORIENTATION OR TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDED OR APPROVED BY UMBC.**

23 18-3007.

24 (a) UMBC shall develop a process for tracking and assessing the outcomes of the
25 Program, including:

26 (1) The total number of individuals [and], businesses, **AND UNITS OF
27 STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS** participating in the Program;

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- 1 (2) The locations AND SIZES of participating businesses;
- 2 (3) The number of participating students remaining in the State after
3 graduation;
- 4 (4) The number of employee hires resulting from internships;
- 5 (5) The effect of the Program on student understanding of opportunities for
6 entrepreneurs and small businesses in the State;
- 7 (6) Student skill growth resulting from internship experiences;
- 8 (7) Business growth or improvement resulting from internships; and
- 9 (8) The effect of the Program on relationships between businesses and
10 institutions of higher education in the State.

11 18–3008.

12 (A) Money awarded under this subtitle:

- 13 (1) May be used to reimburse a technology–based business **OR A UNIT OF**
14 **STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT** up to 50% of a stipend paid to an intern, but not more
15 than:
- 16 (i) \$1,800 for the first semester; and
- 17 (ii) \$1,200 for the second semester; and
- 18 (2) May total not more than \$3,000 each year for each intern.

19 (B) **AT LEAST 50% OF THE INTERNSHIPS SUPPORTED BY THE PROGRAM**
20 **EACH YEAR SHALL BE WITH BUSINESSES THAT HAVE NOT MORE THAN 150**
21 **EMPLOYEES.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2018.