

# HOUSE BILL 527

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg and Jones**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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23 Article – Education

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Section 18–3004, 18–3006, 18–3007(a), and 18–3008  
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 3 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

6 **Article – Education**

7 18–3001.

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

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

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

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

13 18–3004.

14 (a) UMBC shall administer the Program.

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

17 (1) ~~Establish~~ **UTILIZE** an Internet site through which:

18 (i) Students may learn about technology–based businesses,  
 19 **TECHNOLOGY–BASED POSITIONS IN UNITS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS,**  
 20 and internship opportunities; [and]

21 (ii) Technology–based businesses may register, post information  
 22 about internship opportunities, and apply for reimbursement of internship stipends as  
 23 provided under this subtitle; **AND**

24 **(III) UNITS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAY**  
 25 **REGISTER, POST INFORMATION ABOUT TECHNOLOGY–BASED INTERNSHIP**  
 26 **OPPORTUNITIES, AND APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERNSHIP STIPENDS AS**  
 27 **PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;**

28 (2) Develop application and registration requirements;

29 (3) Develop orientation and training programs for participants in the  
 30 Program;

1 (4) Review applications and award reimbursements of internship stipends  
2 under this subtitle;

3 (5) Provide opportunities for students to meet entrepreneurs ~~and~~, visit  
4 technology-related industry incubators, and learn about starting a business in the State;

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

7 (7) Track and assess Program outcomes.

8 18-3006.

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

10 (1) Be located in the State;

11 (2) Be a technology-based business;

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

13 [(4)] (3) Commit to hosting an intern for a minimum of 120 hours during  
14 a spring, fall, or summer semester;

15 [(5)] (4) Provide a detailed description of an intern position with the  
16 business; and

17 [(6)] (5) Provide proof that a representative has attended an orientation  
18 or training program provided or approved by UMBC.

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

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

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

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

27 18-3007.

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

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

5 (2) The locations **AND SIZES** of participating businesses **AND UNITS OF**  
6 **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;**

7 (3) The number of participating students remaining in the State after  
8 graduation;

9 (4) The number of employee hires resulting from internships;

10 (5) The effect of the Program on student understanding of opportunities for  
11 entrepreneurs and small businesses in the State;

12 (6) Student skill growth resulting from internship experiences;

13 (7) Business growth or improvement resulting from internships; and

14 (8) The effect of the Program on relationships between businesses and  
15 institutions of higher education in the State.

16 18–3008.

17 (A) Money awarded under this subtitle:

18 (1) May be used to reimburse a technology–based business **OR A UNIT OF**  
19 **STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT** up to 50% of a stipend paid to an intern, but not more  
20 than:

21 (i) \$1,800 for the first semester; and

22 (ii) \$1,200 for the second semester; and

23 (2) May total not more than \$3,000 each year for each intern.

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

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
28 1, 2018.