

# HOUSE BILL 1180

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2018

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Teachers**

3 **Ho. Co. 14–18**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Howard County Student Loan Assistance Repayment  
5 Program for Teachers; authorizing the governing body of Howard County to establish  
6 the Program for teachers employed by the Howard County Public School System;  
7 providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring Howard County to assist in the  
8 repayment of certain student loans owed by certain teachers who meet certain  
9 eligibility requirements; requiring certain loan assistance repayment applicants to  
10 demonstrate a certain use of certain loans; requiring the county to establish the  
11 amount and terms and conditions of the Program; requiring the county to administer  
12 the Program; providing for funding for the Program; defining certain terms; and  
13 generally relating to the establishment of the Howard County Student Loan  
14 Assistance Repayment Program for Teachers.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Education

17 Section 18–3401 through 18–3405 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 34. Howard  
18 County Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Teachers”

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Education**

24 **SUBTITLE 34. HOWARD COUNTY STUDENT LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT**  
25 **PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 18-3401.

2 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
3 INDICATED.

4 (B) "HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN" MEANS ANY LOAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE  
5 OR GRADUATE STUDY THAT IS OBTAINED FOR TUITION, EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES,  
6 OR LIVING EXPENSES FROM:

7 (1) A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, GOVERNMENT, OR COMMERCIAL  
8 SOURCE; OR

9 (2) AN ORGANIZATION, AN INSTITUTION, AN ASSOCIATION, A  
10 SOCIETY, OR A CORPORATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3)  
11 OR (4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.

12 (C) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE HOWARD COUNTY STUDENT LOAN  
13 ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS.

14 18-3402.

15 (A) IN HOWARD COUNTY, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE COUNTY MAY  
16 ESTABLISH A STUDENT LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS  
17 EMPLOYED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

18 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO ATTRACT, RECRUIT, AND RETAIN  
19 A DIVERSE CADRE OF QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC  
20 SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT IS REFLECTIVE OF THE STUDENT POPULATION WITHIN THE  
21 COUNTY SCHOOLS.

22 (C) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY SHALL  
23 ASSIST IN THE REPAYMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS OWED BY AN INDIVIDUAL  
24 WHO:

25 (1) RECEIVES A GRADUATE, PROFESSIONAL, OR UNDERGRADUATE  
26 DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY;

27 (2) OBTAINS EMPLOYMENT AS A FULL-TIME TEACHER IN THE  
28 HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM;

29 (3) COMMITS TO TEACH IN THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL  
30 SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 5 YEARS;

1           **(4) RECEIVES AN INCOME THAT IS LESS THAN THE MAXIMUM**  
2 **ELIGIBLE TOTAL INCOME LEVELS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY, INCLUDING ANY**  
3 **ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME;**

4           **(5) IS NOT IN DEFAULT ON ANY STUDENT LOAN; AND**

5           **(6) SATISFIES ANY OTHER CRITERIA ESTABLISHED UNDER THE**  
6 **PROGRAM BY THE COUNTY.**

7           **(D) AN APPLICANT FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE REPAYMENT OF A COMMERCIAL**  
8 **LOAN SHALL DEMONSTRATE TO THE COUNTY THAT THE COMMERCIAL LOAN WAS**  
9 **USED FOR TUITION, EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES, OR LIVING EXPENSES FOR GRADUATE**  
10 **OR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY.**

11 **18-3403.**

12           **LOAN ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT AND ON**  
13 **THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY.**

14 **18-3404.**

15           **THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC**  
16 **SCHOOL SYSTEM.**

17 **18-3405.**

18           **FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS IN**  
19 **THE COUNTY BUDGET.**

20           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
21 **October 1, 2018.**