

HOUSE BILL 1786

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CF SB 1202

By: **Delegates Jackson, Proctor, and Valentino-Smith**

Introduced and read first time: March 1, 2018

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 18–605

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **18–605.**

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

24 **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL IS ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS:

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

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

7 (3) A STUDENT AT A HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

8 (C) THE OFFICE SHALL:

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

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

14 (3) DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF EACH AWARD;

15 (4) SELECT THE RECIPIENT OF EACH AWARD; AND

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

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

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

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