

SENATE BILL 204

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By: ~~Senator Simonaire~~ Senators Simonaire and Lee

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Program;
4 specifying the purpose of the Program; requiring the Office of Student Financial
5 Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the
6 Program; specifying certain eligibility requirements for an applicant to the Program;
7 authorizing a certain scholarship award to be used at any eligible institution to pay
8 for certain education expenses; requiring a scholarship recipient to maintain a
9 certain grade point average; specifying a certain amount of time a recipient may hold
10 a certain scholarship; requiring a scholarship recipient to work for a unit of State
11 government in the cybersecurity field or teach in a public high school in the State in
12 a certain education program for a certain amount of time; requiring a scholarship
13 recipient to repay the Commission certain funds under certain circumstances;
14 authorizing the Office to waive repayment of certain funds under certain
15 circumstances; requiring funds for the Program to be as provided in the annual
16 budget by the Governor; requiring the Office to adopt certain regulations; defining
17 certain terms; and generally relating to the Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship
18 Program.

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Education

21 Section 18–3401 through 18–3406 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 34.
22 Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Program”

23 Annotated Code of Maryland

24 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

3 **Article – Education**

4 **SUBTITLE 34. CYBERSECURITY PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

5 **18-3401.**

6 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
7 INDICATED.

8 (B) “ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION” MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT
9 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT:

10 (1) POSSESSES ~~POSSESSES~~ A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE
11 COMMISSION; OR

12 (2) IS APPROVED UNDER OPERATION OF LAW.

13 (C) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE CYBERSECURITY PUBLIC SERVICE
14 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

15 **18-3402.**

16 (A) THERE IS A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE CYBERSECURITY
17 PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THE STATE.

18 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WHO ARE
19 PURSUING AN EDUCATION IN PROGRAMS THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO
20 CYBERSECURITY.

21 **18-3403.**

22 (A) THE OFFICE SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

23 (B) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY APPLY TO THE OFFICE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER
24 THIS SUBTITLE IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

25 ~~(1) IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;~~

26 (1) IS ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE TUITION;

1 (2) IS A ~~JUNIOR, SENIOR, OR GRADUATE~~ STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED
2 FULL-TIME AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IN AN ~~ACCREDITED~~ APPROVED DEGREE
3 OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM THAT IS DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO CYBERSECURITY;

4 (3) IS WITHIN 2 YEARS OF GRADUATION FROM THE INDIVIDUAL'S
5 DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM;

6 (4) HAS MAINTAINED A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT
7 LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE; AND

8 (5) (I) ~~HAS NOT RECEIVED, AND HAS NO PLANS TO RECEIVE,~~ A
9 FEDERAL CYBERCORPS SCHOLARSHIP FOR SERVICE; OR

10 (II) HAS APPLIED FOR BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED A FEDERAL
11 CYBERCORPS SCHOLARSHIP FOR SERVICE.

12 (C) A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE USED AT ANY
13 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION TO PAY FOR EDUCATION EXPENSES AS DEFINED BY THE
14 OFFICE, INCLUDING:

15 (1) TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES; AND

16 (2) ROOM AND BOARD.

17 (D) A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SHALL MAINTAIN A GRADE POINT AVERAGE
18 OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE.

19 (E) EACH RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY HOLD
20 THE AWARD FOR 2 YEARS OF FULL-TIME STUDY.

21 **18-3404.**

22 (A) FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT RECEIVES A
23 SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SHALL:

24 (1) WORK FOR A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT IN THE
25 CYBERSECURITY FIELD; OR

26 (2) TEACH IN A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE IN AN
27 EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT IS DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO CYBERSECURITY.

28 (B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 18-112 OF THIS TITLE, A SCHOLARSHIP
29 RECIPIENT SHALL REPAY THE COMMISSION THE FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THIS
30 SUBTITLE IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

1 (1) EARN CREDIT AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT AS DEFINED IN
2 REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE OFFICE FOR THE PROGRAM;

3 (2) COMPLETE AN ~~ACCREDITED~~ APPROVED DEGREE PROGRAM THAT
4 IS DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO CYBERSECURITY AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; AND

5 (3) PERFORM THE WORK OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER
6 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

7 (C) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A RECIPIENT
8 SHALL BEGIN REPAYMENT AT ANY TIME DURING THE PERIOD THAT THE RECIPIENT
9 IS NO LONGER PERFORMING THE WORK OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER
10 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

11 (D) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, REPAYMENT
12 SHALL BE MADE TO THE STATE WITHIN 6 YEARS AFTER THE REPAYMENT PERIOD
13 BEGINS AND SHALL FOLLOW A REPAYMENT SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED BY THE
14 OFFICE.

15 (E) THE OFFICE MAY WAIVE OR DEFER REPAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF
16 DISABILITY OR EXTENDED SICKNESS THAT PREVENTS THE RECIPIENT FROM
17 FULFILLING THE WORK OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
18 SECTION.

19 18-3405.

20 FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET
21 OF THE COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

22 18-3406.

23 (A) THE OFFICE SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS
24 SUBTITLE.

25 (B) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
26 SHALL:

27 (1) IDENTIFY THE PROGRAMS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF §
28 18-3403(B)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

29 (2) DEFINE THE NUMBER OF CREDITS A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
30 MUST EARN AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.