

Chapter 409

(House Bill 1630)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – James Proctor Scholarship Program – Established

FOR the purpose of establishing the James Proctor Scholarship Program at historically black colleges and universities; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring each historically black college or university to apply funding from the Program to the tuition and fees of certain students; requiring certain financial aid to be applied first to certain tuition and fees; requiring each historically black college or university to administer the Program and to adopt certain policies; ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Governor to include in the State budget an appropriation ~~of at least a certain amount~~ for scholarships under the Program; requiring that certain funds be divided and distributed equally to each historically black college or university; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the James Proctor Scholarship Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 18–2101 through 18–2106 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 21. James Proctor Scholarship Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

SUBTITLE 21. JAMES PROCTOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

18–2101.

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

(B) “HBCU” MEANS THE FOLLOWING HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

- (1) BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;**
- (2) COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY;**
- (3) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND**

(4) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE.

(C) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE JAMES PROCTOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

18-2102.

THERE IS A JAMES PROCTOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THE STATE.

18-2103.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO ATTEND AN HBCU.

18-2104.

(A) EACH HBCU SHALL APPLY FUNDING FROM THE PROGRAM TO THE TUITION AND FEES OF AN ENROLLED STUDENT WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE.

(B) ANY STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, OTHER THAN A STUDENT LOAN, RECEIVED BY A STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL BE APPLIED FIRST TO PAY THE STUDENT’S TUITION AND FEES.

18-2105.

EACH HBCU SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM ON ITS CAMPUS AND SHALL ADOPT POLICIES, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE, TO ESTABLISH:

(1) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT RECEIVING A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE PROGRAM;

(2) AWARD AMOUNTS TO BE GIVEN TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS;

(3) A PROCEDURE AND SCHEDULE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROVIDED TO AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT; AND

(4) ANY OTHER POLICIES NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM.

18-2106.

(A) ~~BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE~~ THE GOVERNOR SHALL ~~MAY~~ INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION ~~OF AT LEAST \$400,000~~ FOR SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

(B) THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DIVIDED AND DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY TO EACH HBCU.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2018.