

HOUSE BILL 804

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By: **Delegate Impallaria**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships – Certification and Licensure Courses at**
3 **Community Colleges – Use of Scholarship**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that certain recipients of a senatorial
5 scholarship use the scholarship to reimburse certain expenses; authorizing certain
6 recipients of a senatorial scholarship who are currently enrolled in a certificate or
7 license program or certain courses or sequences of courses to use the scholarship for
8 certain expenses; authorizing a certain recipient of a senatorial scholarship to hold
9 the scholarship for a certain period of time; repealing a requirement that certain
10 recipients of a delegate scholarship use the scholarship to reimburse certain
11 expenses; authorizing a student enrolled in a certificate or license program or for
12 certain courses or sequences of courses at a community college to use a delegate
13 scholarship for certain educational expenses; and generally relating to senatorial
14 and delegate scholarships.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Education
17 Section 18–401, 18–405(b)(2), and 18–501(a)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Article – Education
22 Section 18–402(a), 18–406, and 18–506
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

27 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 18-401.

2 There is a program of senatorial scholarships in this State that are awarded under
3 this subtitle.

4 18-402.

5 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, each
6 applicant for a senatorial scholarship shall:

7 (i) Take a competitive examination administered by the Office; and

8 (ii) 1. Be accepted for admission in the regular undergraduate,
9 graduate, or professional program at an eligible institution; or

10 2. Be enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in
11 which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate
12 program in an eligible institution.

13 (2) An applicant is exempt from the examination if the applicant:

14 (i) Is attending an eligible institution and has completed at least 1
15 year in good academic standing at the institution;

16 (ii) Graduated from high school at least 5 years before application
17 for a senatorial scholarship;

18 (iii) Is accepted for admission to a private career institution, if the
19 institution's curriculum is approved by the Commission, and the institution is accredited
20 by a national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of
21 Education; or

22 (iv) Is planning to attend or is attending a Maryland community
23 college.

24 (3) An applicant is exempt from the requirements of paragraph (1) of this
25 subsection if the applicant is [or was] enrolled in a certificate or license program, course,
26 or sequence of courses at a community college that leads to certification or licensure.

27 18-405.

28 (b) A senatorial scholarship may be used:

29 (2) For educational expenses as defined by the Office, including:

30 (i) Tuition and mandatory fees; and

1 (ii) Room and board.

2 18-406.

3 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each recipient of a senatorial
4 scholarship may hold the scholarship for 4 undergraduate academic years, subject to §
5 18-406.1 of this subtitle, and 4 graduate academic years if the recipient:

6 (1) Is a full-time student;

7 (2) Continues to be a resident of this State; and

8 (3) Continues to be a student at the institution and takes at least 12
9 semester hours of courses as an undergraduate or 9 semester hours of courses as a graduate
10 student each semester leading to a degree.

11 (b) A recipient of an undergraduate or graduate senatorial scholarship may hold
12 the scholarship, appropriately prorated, for 8 academic years if the recipient:

13 (1) Is a part-time student;

14 (2) Continues to be a resident of this State; and

15 (3) Continues to be a student at the institution and takes at least 6
16 semester hours of courses each semester leading to a degree.

17 (c) Any recipient of a senatorial scholarship may use up to one-half of the yearly
18 award for summer school.

19 (d) A recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is enrolled in a terminal certificate
20 program as provided in § 18-402(a)(1) of this subtitle may hold the scholarship for 2 years
21 if the recipient is a full-time student and otherwise meets the conditions of subsection (a)
22 of this section, or may hold the scholarship for 4 years if the recipient is a part-time student
23 and otherwise meets the conditions of subsection (b) of this section.

24 (e) **(1)** A recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is currently enrolled[, or was
25 enrolled within the last 2 years,] in a certificate or license program, course, or sequence of
26 courses at a community college that leads to certification or licensure, as provided in §
27 18-402(a)(3) of this subtitle, may use the scholarship [to reimburse educational] **FOR THE**
28 expenses [as defined by the Office] **LISTED** under § 18-405(b)(2) of this subtitle.

29 **(2) A RECIPIENT OF A SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS ENROLLED**
30 **IN A CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE PROGRAM, COURSE, OR SEQUENCE OF COURSES AT A**
31 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT LEADS TO CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE MAY HOLD**
32 **THE SCHOLARSHIP:**

1 (I) FOR 2 YEARS, IF THE RECIPIENT IS A FULL-TIME STUDENT;

2 (II) FOR 4 YEARS, IF THE RECIPIENT IS A PART-TIME STUDENT;

3 OR

4 (III) UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE
5 PROGRAM, COURSE, OR SEQUENCE OF COURSES THAT LEADS TO CERTIFICATION OR
6 LICENSURE.

7 (f) Each recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is enrolled in a private
8 postsecondary proprietary institution that is accredited by a national accrediting
9 association approved by the United States Department of Education:

10 (1) May hold the scholarship for the completion of one program if the
11 student otherwise meets the conditions of subsection (a)(1) and (2) of this section; and

12 (2) Shall complete the program within the length of time prescribed by the
13 institution for the completion of the program.

14 (g) A recipient of a senatorial scholarship who is an individual who is on active
15 duty with the United States military and otherwise meets the conditions of subsection (a)
16 or (b) of this section may be domiciled in this State rather than a resident of this State.

17 18-501.

18 (a) There is a program of Delegate Scholarships in this State that are awarded
19 under this subtitle.

20 18-506.

21 (a) As an alternative to the scholarship awards authorized by §§ 18-503 through
22 18-505 of this subtitle, and subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, during
23 each year in office each Delegate may award scholarships in a total amount equal to four
24 times the tuition and mandatory fees for a full-time undergraduate student enrolled at the
25 University of Maryland, College Park Campus for the academic year commencing in that
26 year.

27 (b) A scholarship award under subsection (a) of this section:

28 (1) May not be for an amount less than \$200 or more than one-half of the
29 total amount of scholarships authorized by subsection (a) of this section for that year;

30 (2) Shall be used at an eligible institution;

31 (3) May be used by:

1 (i) A graduate, undergraduate, or professional student;

2 (ii) A student at a private career school within the State that is
3 approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 11–202 of this article
4 and that is accredited by a national accrediting association that is approved by the United
5 States Department of Education; or

6 (iii) A student who is currently enrolled [or was enrolled in the last 2
7 years] in a certificate or license program, course, or sequence of courses at a community
8 college that leads to certification or licensure [as reimbursement] for educational expenses
9 that [are defined by the Office and] include tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board;
10 and

11 (4) To the extent it is not used by the student, shall be reccredited to the
12 Delegate’s scholarship account and may be awarded in the next 12 months by that Delegate
13 to another student pursuant to this section.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2019.