SENATE BILL 435

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By: **Senators McCray and Sydnor**
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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Legal Education Success Collaborative – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Legal Education Success Collaborative; establishing the
4   purpose of the Collaborative; requiring certain institutions to develop and
5   administer certain programs and cooperatives; requiring certain appropriations to
6   be made to certain institutions and programs in certain fiscal years for certain
7   purposes; requiring a certain appropriation to be used to supplement certain existing
8   funding; defining certain terms; and generally relating to success in legal education.

9 BY adding to
10   Article – Education
11   Section 15–126
12   Annotated Code of Maryland
13   (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

16   **Article – Education**

17 **15–126.**

18   **(A)**   **(1)**   IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
19 INDICATED.

20   **(2)**   "COLLABORATIVE" MEANS THE LEGAL EDUCATION SUCCESS
21 COLLABORATIVE.

22   **(3)**   "MARYLAND HBCU" MEANS THE FOLLOWING HISTORICALLY
23 BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

1   **(I)   BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;**

2   **(II)   COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY;**

3   **(III)   MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND**

4   **(IV)   UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE.**

5   **(4)   "SCHOLARS PROGRAM" MEANS:**

6   **(I)   THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW AND
7   HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES STUDENT PIPELINE
8   COOPERATIVE SCHOLARS; AND**

9   **(II)   THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW
10   DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION SCHOLARS.**

11   **(5)   "UB LAW AND HBCU COOPERATIVE" MEANS THE UNIVERSITY
12   OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW AND HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND
13   UNIVERSITIES STUDENT PIPELINE COOPERATIVE.**

14   **(B)   THERE IS A LEGAL EDUCATION SUCCESS COLLABORATIVE BETWEEN
15   THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW, THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
16   SCHOOL OF LAW, AND THE MARYLAND HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND
17   UNIVERSITIES.**

18   **(C)   THE PURPOSE OF THE COLLABORATIVE IS TO INCREASE DIVERSITY IN
19   THE LEGAL FIELD THROUGH:**

20   **(1)   FINANCIAL SUPPORT, ACADEMIC SUCCESS, PROFESSIONAL
21   DEVELOPMENT, AND MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING
22   IN THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM;**

23   **(2)   THE UB LAW AND HBCU COOPERATIVE THAT PREPARES
24   MARYLAND HBCU STUDENTS FOR LAW SCHOOL AND PROVIDES ACADEMIC
25   SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS IN LAW SCHOOL AND THROUGHOUT THEIR
26   LEGAL CAREERS; AND**

27   **(3)   THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW DIVERSITY
28   AND INCLUSION SCHOLARS PROGRAM.**

29   **(D)   (1)   THE UB LAW AND HBCU COOPERATIVE SHALL BE DEVELOPED**

1 AND ADMINISTERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW AND
2 COORDINATED WITH MARYLAND HBCUS.

3   (2)   THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW DIVERSITY
4 AND INCLUSION SCHOLARS PROGRAM SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND ADMINISTERED
5 BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW.

6   (E)   THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS TO
7 THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT BOTH THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF
8 LAW AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW FOR EXPANSION OF
9 THEIR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS:

10   (1) $400,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2022;

11   (2) $700,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2023; AND

12   (3) $1,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
13 THEREAFTER.

14   (F)   IN FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
15 GOVERNOR SHALL APPROPRIATE $50,000 TO EACH MARYLAND HBCU TO SUPPORT
16 A COORDINATOR POSITION TO PROMOTE THE UB LAW AND HBCU COOPERATIVE
17 TO STUDENTS AT THE MARYLAND HBCU.

18   (G)   THE MONEY APPROPRIATED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (E) AND (F) OF THIS
19 SECTION ARE SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND MAY NOT SUPPLANT FUNDING THAT WOULD
20 OTHERWISE BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM, MARYLAND
21 HBCUS, THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE, OR THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF
22 MARYLAND.

23   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2020.