

SENATE BILL 526

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By: **Senators McCray, Lam, Sydnor, Hettleman, and Washington**

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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 2020 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:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 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) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
7 GOVERNOR SHALL APPROPRIATE:

8 (1) \$200,000 TO EACH SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
9 BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF
10 LAW; AND

11 (2) \$50,000 TO ONE MARYLAND HBCU SELECTED BY THE
12 MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION FOR SUPPORTING A COORDINATOR
13 POSITION TO PROMOTE THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM TO STUDENTS AT ALL MARYLAND
14 HBCUS.

15 (F) THE MONEY APPROPRIATED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION
16 IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND MAY NOT SUPPLANT FUNDING THAT WOULD OTHERWISE
17 BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM, MARYLAND HBCUS, THE
18 UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE, OR THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE
19 CAMPUS.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
21 1, 2021.