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BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 501
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “**Procedures**” insert “**and Operations**”; in line 4, after “Commission;” insert “requiring the Commission to design and implement a certain scholarship application;”; in line 7, after “Award;” insert “authorizing certain tax information to be disclosed to the Commission; requiring the Commission to update the award deadlines in the Maryland Community College Scholarships Program regulations; stating the intent of the General Assembly for the reorganization of the Commission to establish the Office as a separate independent agency in a certain fiscal year;”; in line 8, after “procedures” insert “and operations”; in line 11, after “11-105(w)” insert “and (x)”.

On page 2, after line 1, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - General

Section 13-203(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 10, insert:

“(X) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, THE COMMISSION SHALL DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A UNIFIED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION THAT, ON COMPLETION, WILL RESULT IN THE APPLICANT APPLYING FOR ALL OF THE CENTRALIZED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN THE COMMISSION.

(2) THE UNIFIED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SHALL:

(I) BE:

- 1. AVAILABLE IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES; AND**
- 2. MOBILE ACCESSIBLE, INCLUDING THE ABILITY FOR A STUDENT TO UPLOAD DOCUMENTS FROM THE STUDENT'S PHONE;**

(II) INCLUDE:

- 1. AN ELECTRONIC INBOX THAT ALLOWS A STUDENT TO SEE ALL COMMUNICATIONS SENT TO THE STUDENT IN ONE PLACE;**
- 2. A DISPLAY THAT SHOWS IN AN ACCESSIBLE AND CLEAR MANNER ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND THE STUDENT'S PROGRESS IN COMPLETING THOSE DOCUMENTS;**
- 3. THE ABILITY FOR A STUDENT TO ELECTRONICALLY SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS;**
- 4. AN INTEGRATION OF A STUDENT'S TAX INFORMATION FROM THE COMPTROLLER AUTHORIZED UNDER § 13-203(C)(12) OF THE TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE;**
- 5. A WAY TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION WITH ANY QUESTIONS FOR A TIMELY ANSWER; AND**

6. VIDEOS AND GUIDANCE TO EXPLAIN THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

On page 3, after line 16, insert:

“Article – Tax – General

13–203.

(c) Tax information may be disclosed to:

(1) an employee or officer of the State who, by reason of that employment or office, has the right to the tax information;

(2) another tax collector;

(3) the Maryland Tax Court;

(4) a legal representative of the State, to review the tax information about a taxpayer:

(i) who applies for review under this title;

(ii) who appeals from a determination under this title; or

(iii) against whom an action to recover tax or a penalty is pending or will be initiated under this title;

(5) any license issuing authority of the State required by State law to verify through the Comptroller that an applicant has paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions payable to the Comptroller or the Secretary of

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Labor or that the applicant has provided for payment in a manner satisfactory to the unit responsible for collection;

(6) a local official as defined in § 13-925 of this title to the extent necessary to administer Subtitle 9, Part V of this title;

(7) a federal official as defined in § 13-930 of this title to the extent necessary to administer Subtitle 9, Part VI of this title;

(8) the Maryland Department of Health in accordance with the federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009;

(9) the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers;

(10) the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission; [and]

(11) the [Emergency Number Systems] MARYLAND 9-1-1 Board; AND

(12) THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before August 1, 2022, the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall update the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarships Program regulations related to award deadlines to award scholarships as soon as practicable based on the changes to the Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Award as enacted in Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Higher Education Commission be reorganized to establish the Office of Student Financial Assistance as a separate independent agency in fiscal year 2024.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall use the funding provided in the fiscal year 2023 operating budget, as enacted by Chapter _____ of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022 (S.B. 290) to develop the unified scholarship application under § 11-105(x) of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the unified scholarship application under § 11-105(x) of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, replace the current Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS) site on or before July 1, 2025.”;

and in line 17, strike “2.” and substitute “5.”.