

**SB0696/453629/1**

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 696  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Workers**” and substitute “**Support Staff**”; in line 4, strike “or” and substitute “for”; in lines 5, 7, 13, and 18, in each instance, strike “Workers” and substitute “Support Staff”; in line 5, strike “workers” and substitute “support staff”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 7 down through “years;” in line 10; and in line 16, strike “24–1807” and substitute “24–1806”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 2 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – State Finance and Procurement  
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2021 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Finance and Procurement  
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145.  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2021 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to  
Article – State Finance and Procurement  
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)146.  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
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AMENDMENT NO. 2

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On page 2, in line 19, after “**ARTICLE**” insert “**CERTIFIED TO PRACTICE AS A NURSE MIDWIFE OR CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST**”.

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 2 in lines 7 and 16, on page 3 in lines 19 and 22, and on page 4 in line 20, in each instance, strike “**WORKERS**” and substitute “**SUPPORT STAFF**”.

On page 2 in lines 14 and 28, on page 5 in line 2, and on page 6 in lines 19, 21, and 23, in each instance, strike “**WORKER**” and substitute “**SUPPORT STAFF**”.

On page 6, in lines 16 and 24, in each instance, strike “**WORKERS**” and substitute “**SUPPORT STAFF**”.

On page 9 in lines 10 and 29, and on page 10 in line 13, in each instance, strike “**Workers**” and substitute “**Support Staff**”.

On page 9 in lines 11 and 26, and on page 10 in line 2, in each instance, strike “**worker**” and substitute “**support staff**”.

On page 10, in lines 4 and 6, in each instance, strike “**workers**” and substitute “**support staff**”.

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 5, in lines 4 and 5, strike “**IN A GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE STATE THAT HAS BEEN FEDERALLY DESIGNATED**”; and strike beginning with “**FROM**” in line 9 down through “**ARTICLE**” in line 10.

On pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 5 through line 3 on page 6, inclusive.

On page 6, after line 5, insert:

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**“(1) WITH ADVICE FROM A STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP CONVENED BY THE DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISH PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING THE REPAYMENT OF EDUCATION LOANS THROUGH THE PROGRAM;”**;

in lines 6 and 9, strike “(1)” and “(2)”, respectively, and substitute “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively; in lines 7 and 8 and 11, in each instance, strike “DESCRIBED UNDER § 24-1805 OF THIS SUBTITLE” and substitute “ESTABLISHED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SECTION”; and in line 12, strike “24-1807.” and substitute “24-1806.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, in line 9, strike “AND”; in line 10, after “(3)” insert “INTEREST EARNINGS; AND

(4)”;

and in line 28, after “SHALL” insert “USE THE FUND TO”.

On pages 4 and 5, strike beginning with “WITH” in line 28 on page 4 down through “ARTICLE” in line 1 on page 5, inclusive.

On pages 7 through 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 2 on page 7 through line 6 on page 9, inclusive, and substitute:

“6-226.

(a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise

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entitled to receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General Fund of the State.

(ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply to the following funds:

144. the Health Equity Resource Community Reserve Fund;  
[and]

145. the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund; AND

**146. THE MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FUND FOR NURSES AND NURSING SUPPORT STAFF.”.**

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 9, in line 19, strike “and”; in line 20, after “Network” insert “;

(8) one representative of Leading Age Maryland;

(9) one representative of AFSCME Maryland;

(10) one representative of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland;

(11) one representative of the Maryland Association of County Health Officers;

(12) one representative from a community health center; and

(13) any other stakeholder that the Department determines appropriate”.

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On page 10, in line 4, strike “and”; and in line 6, after “Maryland” insert “; and

(5) make recommendations to the Department on priorities for funding the repayment of education loans through the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Fund for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff, including priorities relating to practice settings other than an “eligible field of employment”, as defined by § 24-1804 of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act”.