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BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 982
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 19, after “circumstances;” insert “requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make certain scholarship awards in fiscal year 2024;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 4 and 5; in line 6, strike “**(3)**” and substitute “**(2)**”; in the same line, after “**TO**” insert “:

(1)”;

in line 9, after “**DEPARTMENT**” insert “**; AND**

(II) ASSIST CURRENT EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND EMPLOYEES IN TARGETED POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH CAREERS IN TARGETED POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT”;

in line 10, strike “**(4)**” and substitute “**(3)**”; in line 17, after “**PROGRAM**” insert “**THROUGH THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM OR AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT**”; and in line 24, after “**ASSIGN**” insert “**TO**”.

On page 5, after line 7, insert:

(4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE A SUPPORT SYSTEM NETWORK FOR THE EMPLOYEES WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.”.

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On page 6, in line 1, strike "IN LINE" and substitute "CONSISTENT"; strike in their entirety lines 6 through 9, inclusive; in line 10, strike "(I)" and substitute "(H)"; and after line 12, insert:

"(I) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE ELIGIBLE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING:

(1) ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY EACH ELIGIBLE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN ESTABLISHING CAREERS IN TARGETED POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT;

(2) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM FROM EACH ELIGIBLE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM AND IN THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(3) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR HUMAN SERVICES CAREERS SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED UNDER § 18-3902 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(J) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2028, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IN ACCOMPLISHING THE GOALS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IN INCREASING EMPLOYMENT IN TARGETED POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT."

On page 7, in line 13, after "DEPARTMENT" insert "OF HUMAN SERVICES"; and in line 22, after "DEPARTMENT" insert "OF HUMAN SERVICES".

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On page 12, in line 18, strike “SENIOR”.

On page 13, in line 6, after “(E)” insert “(1)”; after line 8, insert:

“(2) “SERVICE OBLIGATION” INCLUDES WORK IN A TARGETED POSITION WHILE A STUDENT IS ATTENDING AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.”;

in line 10, after “DEPARTMENT” insert “OF HUMAN SERVICES”; and in lines 23 and 30, in each instance, after “DEPARTMENT” insert “OF HUMAN SERVICES”.

On page 14, in line 18, after “(B)” insert “(1)”; in line 19, strike “(1)” and substitute “(I)”; in line 20, strike “(2)” and substitute “(II)”; after line 21, insert:

“(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL PRIORITIZE SELECTING APPLICANTS FOR A SCHOLARSHIP WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR HUMAN SERVICES CAREERS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-303 OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ARTICLE.”;

and in line 28, after “DEPARTMENT” insert “OF HUMAN SERVICES”.

On page 17, after line 17, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall work with the Department of Human Services to award Scholarships from the Pilot Program for Human Services Careers Scholarship established under § 18-3902 of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, in fiscal year 2024.

(b) The Maryland Higher Education Commission:

(Over)

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(1) may not delay making Scholarship awards under subsection (a) of this section because of required updates to the Maryland College Aid Processing System;
and

(2) shall consider the use of paper applications to make Scholarship awards in fiscal year 2024.”;

and in line 18, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.