

SENATE BILL 359

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SB 799/22 – B&T

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CF HB 390

By: **Senator Guzzone**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2023

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community College Tuition and Residency Waivers – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor, for certain fiscal years, to include in the annual
4 State budget for the Maryland Higher Education Commission an appropriation of a
5 certain amount to fund State–mandated community college tuition and residency
6 waivers; and generally relating to community college funding for State–mandated
7 tuition and residency waivers.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 16–322

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **16–322.**

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “QUALIFYING STUDENT” MEANS A COMMUNITY
18 COLLEGE STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A TUITION OR RESIDENCY WAIVER AS ONE OF
19 THE FOLLOWING:

20 (1) A FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT OR AN UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS
21 YOUTH UNDER § 15–106.1 OF THIS ARTICLE;

22 (2) A UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER, THE
23 SPOUSE OR FINANCIALLY DEPENDENT CHILD OF AN ARMED FORCES ACTIVE DUTY

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 MEMBER, A UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES VETERAN WHO HAS BEEN HONORABLY
2 DISCHARGED, OR A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD UNDER § 15-106.4 OF THIS
3 ARTICLE;

4 (3) THE CHILD OF A STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE
5 UNDER § 15-106.7 OF THIS ARTICLE;

6 (4) A SENIOR CITIZEN UNDER § 16-106(B) OF THIS TITLE;

7 (5) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY UNDER § 16-106(C) OF THIS
8 TITLE;

9 (6) A STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN EDUCATION PROGRAM LEADING TO
10 LICENSURE IN NURSING UNDER § 16-310(A)(4) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

11 (7) A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER UNDER § 16-310(A)(6) OF THIS
12 SUBTITLE; OR

13 (8) A STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM THAT
14 THE COMMISSION DESIGNATES AS A HEALTH MANPOWER SHORTAGE PROGRAM
15 UNDER § 16-310(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

16 (B) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2025 THROUGH 2027, THE GOVERNOR
17 SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL FOR THE COMMISSION AN
18 APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000,000 TO FUND STATE-MANDATED TUITION AND
19 RESIDENCY WAIVERS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

20 (C) THE COMMISSION SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE APPROPRIATION REQUIRED
21 UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION TO EACH BOARD OF TRUSTEES BASED ON
22 THE NUMBER OF ENROLLED QUALIFYING STUDENTS AT EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
23 IN PROPORTION TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ENROLLED QUALIFYING STUDENTS, AS
24 DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

25 (D) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT ANY REGULATIONS OR GUIDELINES
26 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

27 (E) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THROUGH
28 DECEMBER 1, 2027, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL
29 ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,
30 ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING A TUITION OR RESIDENCY WAIVER FOR
31 EACH CATEGORY LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR EACH
32 COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS PROVIDED TO EACH
33 COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDER THIS SECTION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2023.