

HB0183/353024/1

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 183
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “**Program**” insert “**and**”; strike in its entirety line 3 and substitute “**Human Services Careers Scholarships – Alterations**”; strike beginning with “increasing” in line 5 down through “children;” in line 7 and substitute “authorizing the Department of Human Services to use certain funding to provide certain matching funds to a county to supplement certain benefits and to offset certain administrative costs; altering certain eligibility criteria and certain requirements for the Pilot Program for Human Services Careers Scholarships; authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to prorate scholarship repayment under certain circumstances;”; in line 7, after “program” insert “and scholarships for human services careers”; after line 7, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Human Services

Section 2–303(a)(1) and (b)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”;

in line 10, after “Section” insert “2–303(a)(6) and”; and after line 12, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–3901(d) and 18–3903(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

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Article – Education
Section 18–3901(e) and 18–3902(c)
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BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 18–3903(e) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with “3.” in line 25 down through “4.” in line 29 and substitute “**3.**”; and in line 31, strike “**5.**” and substitute “**4.**”.

On page 3, in line 11, after “plan” insert “, **COORDINATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT,**”.

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 26 through 28, inclusive, and substitute:

“(G) SUBJECT TO THE STATE BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE THE FUNDING THE STATE IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION TO:

(1) PROVIDE FUNDS TO A COUNTY TO SUPPLEMENT BENEFITS; AND

(2) OFFSET ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE FEDERAL SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER PROGRAM.”

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, after line 15, insert:

“2-303.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(6) (I) “Service obligation” means to work in a targeted position for a minimum [of 5 years] PERIOD OF TIME, AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, during the 8-year period immediately following [high school graduation] THE AWARDING OF A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR HUMAN SERVICES CAREERS SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED UNDER § 18-3902 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(II) THE SERVICE OBLIGATION PERIOD SHALL BE 15 MONTHS FOR EACH ACADEMIC YEAR THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED, REGARDLESS OF THE CREDIT HOURS OR SEMESTERS COMPLETED BY THE RECIPIENT DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR.

(b) (1) There is a Pilot Program for Human Services Careers.”.

On page 4, after line 28, insert:

“Article – Education

18-3901.

(d) “Scholarship” means the Pilot Program for Human Services Careers Scholarship established under this subtitle.

(e) (1) (I) “Service obligation” means to work in a targeted position for a minimum [of 5 years] PERIOD OF TIME, AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF

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THIS PARAGRAPH, during the 8-year period immediately following [high school graduation] THE AWARDING OF A SCHOLARSHIP.

(II) THE SERVICE OBLIGATION PERIOD SHALL BE 15 MONTHS FOR EACH ACADEMIC YEAR THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED, REGARDLESS OF THE CREDIT HOURS OR SEMESTERS COMPLETED BY THE RECIPIENT DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR.

(2) "Service obligation" includes work in a targeted position while a student is attending an eligible institution.

18-3902.

(c) A Scholarship recipient shall:

(1) Be a Maryland resident or a graduate of a Maryland high school;

(2) Be accepted for admission or currently enrolled at an eligible institution in a program that will enable the recipient to obtain a credential or degree that is necessary to work in or further a career in a targeted position in the Department of Human Services;

(3) [Sign a letter of intent to perform the service obligation on completion of the recipient's required studies] ENTER INTO A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMISSION, IN THE FORM AND MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE OFFICE, TO MEET THE CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

(4) Maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent; and

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(5) Satisfy any additional criteria established by the Office or the Department of Human Services.

18-3903.

(d) A Scholarship recipient shall repay the Office the funds received under this subtitle as set forth in § 18-112 of this title if the recipient does not:

(1) Satisfy the degree requirements of the eligible course of study or program or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle; or

(2) Perform the service obligation after graduation.

(E) THE AMOUNT TO BE REPAID FOR FAILURE TO PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION SHALL BE:

(1) EQUAL TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS RECEIVED; OR

(2) AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

(F) (1) THE SCHOLARSHIP IS NONREFUNDABLE.

(2) THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP SHALL BE REDUCED IF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES EXCEED TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES.”;

and in line 30, strike “October” and substitute “July”.