

# HOUSE BILL 500

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Institutions of Higher Education – Dually Enrolled Students – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “dually enrolled student” to include a  
4 nonpublic secondary school student and a home school student so that these students  
5 are eligible to apply for the Part–Time Grant Program and the Early College Access  
6 Grant; and generally relating to institutions of higher education and dually enrolled  
7 students.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Education  
10 Section 15–127, 18–1401, and 18–14A–01  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article – Education  
15 Section 18–14A–02 and 18–14A–03  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 15–127.

22 (a) (1) In this section, “dually enrolled student” means a student who is dually  
23 enrolled in **AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE AND:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC secondary school in the State; [and]  
2 OR

3 (ii) [An institution of higher education in the State] A HOME  
4 SCHOOL IN THE STATE.

5 (2) “Dually enrolled student” includes a student enrolled in a credit or  
6 noncredit certificate or license program, course, or sequence of courses that leads to  
7 certification or licensure at an institution of higher education in the State.

8 (b) A public institution of higher education may not charge tuition to a dually  
9 enrolled student.

10 (c) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, for each dually enrolled student who  
11 is enrolled in a public school in the county, the county board shall pay 75% of the cost of  
12 tuition for a public institution of higher education in the State.

13 (d) (1) If there is an agreement before July 1, 2020, between a public,  
14 PRIVATE, OR HOME school and a public institution of higher education in which the public  
15 institution of higher education charges less than 75% of the cost of tuition to a dually  
16 enrolled student, the county board shall pay the cost of tuition under the existing  
17 agreement.

18 (2) Every 2 years, a public, PRIVATE, OR HOME school and a public  
19 institution of higher education may evaluate and modify an agreement made under  
20 paragraph (1) of this subsection.

21 18–1401.

22 (a) In this section, “part–time student” means a student who:

23 (1) Is enrolled in a degree–granting program at an eligible institution and  
24 taking at least 3 but no more than 11 semester hours of courses each semester; or

25 (2) Is dually enrolled in [a secondary school in the State and] an institution  
26 of higher education IN THE STATE AND:

27 (I) A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE  
28 STATE; OR

29 (II) A HOME SCHOOL IN THE STATE.

30 (b) In cooperation with the institutions of higher education in the State, the  
31 Commission shall establish and administer a grant program for undergraduate part–time  
32 students.

1 (c) A recipient of a part-time grant shall:

2 (1) Except as provided in § 18-1401.1 of this subtitle, be a resident of the  
3 State; and

4 (2) Have demonstrated a definite financial need according to criteria  
5 established by the Commission.

6 (d) For courses completed under the program, a recipient who is dually enrolled  
7 in a secondary school in the State and an institution of higher education may not be  
8 required to receive credit from a secondary school and an institution of higher education at  
9 the same time.

10 18-14A-01.

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

12 (2) "Dually enrolled student" means a student who is dually enrolled in:

13 (i) 1. A **PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC** secondary school in the State;

14 **OR**

15 2. A **HOME SCHOOL IN THE STATE**; and

16 (ii) An institution of higher education in the State.

17 (3) "Grant" means the Early College Access Grant.

18 (b) There is an Early College Access Grant that provides financial assistance to  
19 dually enrolled students in the State.

20 (c) In cooperation with institutions of higher education in the State, the  
21 Commission shall administer the Grant.

22 (d) A recipient of a grant shall:

23 (1) Be a dually enrolled student; and

24 (2) Demonstrate financial need according to criteria established by the  
25 Commission.

26 (e) For courses completed under the Grant, a recipient is not required to receive  
27 credit from a secondary school and an institution of higher education at the same time.

28 18-14A-02.

29 (a) Funds for the Grant shall be allocated by the Commission to an institution of

1 higher education based on the number of dually enrolled students receiving credit for  
2 courses completed at the institution.

3 (b) Funds for the Grant shall be as provided in the annual budget of the  
4 Commission by the Governor.

5 18-14A-03.

6 The Commission shall:

7 (1) Establish guidelines for awarding the Grant to dually enrolled  
8 students; and

9 (2) Adopt any other guidelines or regulations necessary for the  
10 administration of this subtitle.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12 1, 2024.