

**SB0324/953921/1**

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 324  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “**Program**” insert “**and Study**”; strike beginning with “to” in line 6 down through “Application” in line 8 and substitute “, the State Department of Education, and public senior higher education institutions to establish eligibility requirements for the direct admission program”; in line 8, strike “State”; in the same line, strike “of Education”; in line 10, strike “the college and career readiness standard” and substitute “certain eligibility requirements”; and in line 11, after “year;” insert “requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Department, to conduct a study on administering the direct admission program.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 26, strike “**(1)**”; in the same line, strike “**2027–2028**” and substitute “**2028–2029**”; in line 29, strike “**CCR STANDARD ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7–205.1 OF THIS ARTICLE**” and substitute “**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ENTERED INTO UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION**”.

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 3, inclusive; in line 4, after “**(C)**” insert:

**“(1) THE COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT, THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND SHALL:**

**(i) ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DIRECT ADMISSION PROGRAM, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, AT MINIMUM,**

COMPLETION OF THE CCR STANDARD AND A MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL GRADE  
POINT AVERAGE; AND

(II) ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THAT  
SPECIFIES THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DIRECT ADMISSION  
PROGRAM.

(2);

in line 7, strike “(1)” and substitute “(I)”; in line 10, strike “(2)” and substitute “(II)”;  
strike beginning with “HAS” in line 10 down through “DEPARTMENT” in line 11 and  
substitute “MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING”; in line 12, strike “(3)” and substitute “(III)”;  
in line 13, strike “(I)” and substitute “1.”; in line 15, strike “(II)” and substitute “2.”; in  
line 16, strike “(4)” and substitute “(IV)”; in line 18, strike “(5)” and substitute “(V)”; in  
line 25, after “1.” insert “AGREE TO USE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS  
SPECIFIED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING;”

2.;

in line 28, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 29, strike “1” and substitute “2”.

On page 4, strike beginning with “CRITERIA” in line 4 down through “SECTION”  
in line 5 and substitute “REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING”; strike beginning with “HAS” in line 14 down through  
“DEPARTMENT” in line 15 and substitute “DOES NOT MEET THE ELIGIBILITY  
REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING”; in line  
23, strike “CCR STANDARD” and substitute “ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS  
SPECIFIED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING”; in line 24, strike “(1)”; and  
strike beginning with “BASED” in line 26 down through “INSTITUTION” in line 30.

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On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 5, inclusive; after line 10, insert:

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

(a) The Maryland Higher Education Commission, in collaboration with the State Department of Education, shall study and make recommendations on the administration of the direct admission program established under § 15–101.1 of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

(b) In conducting the study required under subsection (a) of this section, the Commission shall:

(1) identify the financial, technical, legal, and operational mechanisms needed to effectively implement the direct admission program;

(2) evaluate whether a system could be developed to integrate student academic data with financial aid eligibility data to provide simultaneous admission and affordability notifications to students; and

(3) create an implementation timeline for the direct admission program.

(c) On or before July 1, 2027, the Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and conclusions to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.”;

in line 11, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 12, after “2026.” insert “Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of July 31, 2027, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.