

FAVORABLE
House Bill 473

Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program – Revisions

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The Maryland State Education Association supports House Bill 473, which would extend eligibility for the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program from 3 years to 6 years for a candidate in a part-time Associate's degree program.

MSEA represents 75,000 educators and school employees who work in Maryland's public schools, teaching and preparing our almost 900,000 students so they can pursue their dreams. MSEA also represents 39 local affiliates in every county across the state of Maryland, and our parent affiliate is the 3-million-member National Education Association (NEA).

We firmly believe that all Marylanders should have the opportunity to continue developing their skills and earning credentials, regardless of their life stage or circumstances. The Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program makes community college education more affordable and accessible, and extending it to students working part time toward an associate's degree is a common-sense update that aligns with the spirit of the scholarship program.

We urge the Committee to issue a Favorable Report on House Bill 473.