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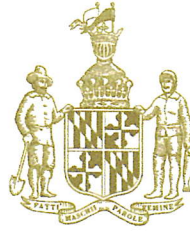
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**HB845**

**Higher Education-Community College- Promise Scholarship Eligibility-  
Delmar High School Graduates**

- ***Why is the Bill being introduced?***

The bill is being introduced to alter the eligibility for the Community College Promise Scholarship to include residents of Delmar, Maryland who graduated from Delmar High School in Delmar, Delaware.

- ***What does the Bill do?***

This bill would allow students from Delmar, Maryland who attend and graduate from Delmar High School to be eligible for the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship. The Delmar school district has two physical locations: Delmar Elementary School is in Delmar, Maryland and Delmar Middle and Senior High School is in Delmar, Delaware. These Delmar, Maryland students are Maryland residents, yet since their local high school building is physically located in Delmar, Delaware, they are currently prevented from accessing the Promise Scholarship.

- ***Why is it important to pass now?***

The Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship is a last-dollar scholarship for students who enroll at a Maryland community college. Eligible students can receive up to \$5,000 to cover any remaining tuition and mandatory fee expenses after Federal or State financial aid has been applied. This Scholarship lowers financial barriers to earning workforce relevant credentials, increases first year college enrollment, and helps students enter high demand local fields with marketable skills. Maryland Delmar High School students should not be denied eligibility and opportunities to benefit from the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship due to the physical location of their high school located in Delmar, Delaware.