

HOUSE BILL 231

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CF SB 313

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Institutions of Higher Education – Financial Aid – Reduction Prohibited**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting financial aid that is awarded to a student by a public
4 institution of higher education from being reduced by any other form of financial aid
5 awarded to the student beginning in a certain academic year; prohibiting a public
6 institution of higher education from considering certain scholarships when
7 assembling certain financial aid packages; authorizing financial aid awarded by a
8 public institution of higher education to be reduced in a certain order under certain
9 circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to financial aid at
10 public institutions of higher education.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Education

13 Section 15–119

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 **15–119.**

20 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
21 **INDICATED.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) “COST OF ATTENDANCE” MEANS THE COST FOR A STUDENT TO**
2 **ATTEND AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, INCLUDING:**

3 **(I) TUITION AND FEES;**

4 **(II) ROOM AND BOARD;**

5 **(III) BOOKS AND SUPPLIES; AND**

6 **(IV) PERSONAL AND TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES.**

7 **(3) “FINANCIAL AID” INCLUDES SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, LOANS,**
8 **AND WORK STUDY.**

9 **(4) “PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS” MEANS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY**
10 **COMPANIES, PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS, AND SERVICE GROUPS.**

11 **(B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND EXCEPT**
12 **AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, BEGINNING IN THE 2016–2017**
13 **ACADEMIC YEAR, IF A STUDENT IS AWARDED FINANCIAL AID BY THE PUBLIC**
14 **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT THE STUDENT ATTENDS OR PLANS TO**
15 **ATTEND, THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL AID AWARDED BY THE INSTITUTION MAY NOT**
16 **BE REDUCED BY ANY OTHER FORM OF FINANCIAL AID AWARDED TO THE STUDENT.**

17 **(2) WHEN ASSEMBLING A STUDENT’S INITIAL FINANCIAL AID**
18 **PACKAGE, A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY NOT CONSIDER A**
19 **STUDENT’S PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS.**

20 **(C) IF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL AID AWARDED TO A STUDENT**
21 **EXCEEDS THE STUDENT’S COST OF ATTENDANCE, TO MAKE THE STUDENT’S TOTAL**
22 **AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL AID EQUAL TO THE STUDENT’S COST OF ATTENDANCE, THE**
23 **AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL AID AWARDED BY THE PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER**
24 **EDUCATION MAY BE REDUCED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

25 **(1) LOANS;**

26 **(2) WORK STUDY; AND**

27 **(3) GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.**

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
29 1, 2016.