

# SENATE BILL 79

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EMERGENCY BILL  
ENROLLED BILL

(2lr0441)

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Appropriations* —

Introduced by **Senator Bailey**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Senatorial *and Delegate* Scholarships – Program**  
3 **Accreditation**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing each Senator to award not more than a certain percentage  
5 of funds available under the Senatorial Scholarship Program, *and authorizing*  
6 *Delegates to award Delegate Scholarships*, to applicants planning to attend certain  
7 accredited institutions outside the State, provided that the applicant will be studying  
8 in an academic area that is not offered in a program that is accredited by a national  
9 accrediting association approved by the United States Department of Education in  
10 any institution in the State; and generally relating to the Senatorial *and Delegate*  
11 Scholarship ~~Program~~ *Programs*.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Education

14 Section 18–405 *and 18–501*

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Education**

6 18–405.

7 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a senatorial scholarship  
8 may be used only at any community college or undergraduate, graduate, or professional  
9 school in the State.

10 (b) A senatorial scholarship may be used:

11 (1) If the curriculum is approved by the Commission, at a degree granting  
12 institution of higher education, a hospital diploma school for training registered nurses, or  
13 to attend a private postsecondary proprietary institution that is accredited by a national  
14 accrediting association approved by the United States Department of Education as a  
15 full–time student; and

16 (2) For educational expenses as defined by the Office, including:

17 (i) Tuition and mandatory fees; and

18 (ii) Room and board.

19 (c) If on–campus housing is available, a senatorial scholarship may not be used  
20 to pay for off–campus housing.

21 (d) Each Senator may award not more than **[10 percent] 10%** of the funds  
22 available under this subtitle to applicants planning to attend accredited undergraduate,  
23 graduate, or professional institutions outside the State, provided the applicant:

24 (1) Will be studying in an academic area that is not **[available] OFFERED**  
25 **IN A PROGRAM THAT IS ACCREDITED BY A NATIONAL ACCREDITING ASSOCIATION**  
26 **APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN ANY**  
27 **INSTITUTION** in the State;

28 (2) Is a hearing impaired person who will be studying at an institution  
29 outside the State that makes special provisions for hearing impaired students, and  
30 comparable special provisions are not available to the applicant at an institution in the  
31 State; or

1 (3) Is an individual who is on active duty with the United States military  
2 who is domiciled in this State.

3 18-501.

4 (a) There is a program of Delegate Scholarships in this State that are awarded  
5 under this subtitle.

6 (b) A scholarship awarded under this subtitle may be used at:

7 (1) An eligible institution for a program of undergraduate, graduate, or  
8 professional studies;

9 (2) An accredited undergraduate, graduate, or professional institution  
10 outside the State, if the applicant:

11 (i) Will be studying in an academic area that is not [available]  
12 OFFERED IN A PROGRAM THAT IS ACCREDITED BY A NATIONAL ACCREDITING  
13 ASSOCIATION APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN  
14 ANY INSTITUTION in this State;

15 (ii) Is disabled and will be studying at an institution outside the State  
16 that makes special provisions for disabled students that are not available to the applicant  
17 at an institution in the State; or

18 (iii) Is an individual who is on active duty with the United States  
19 military who is domiciled in this State; and

20 (3) A private career school within the State that is approved by the  
21 Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 11-202 of this article and that is  
22 accredited by a national accrediting association that is approved by the United States  
23 Department of Education.

24 (c) Money appropriated to the Commission for scholarships awarded under this  
25 section that is not used by the end of the fiscal year shall be retained by the Commission for  
26 use by the awarding Delegate in the Delegate Scholarship Program during subsequent fiscal  
27 years.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
29 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has  
30 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to  
31 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
32 enacted.