

SENATE BILL 810

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By: **Senator Ramirez**

Introduced and read first time: February 20, 2015

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Programs in Dental Hygiene and Medical Laboratory**
3 **Technology – Transfer of Students and Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop and
5 implement a certain transfer agreement for students who earn an associate of
6 science degree in certain programs at certain institutions of higher education by
7 which a certain number of credits earned are transferable to certain institutions of
8 higher education in the State for credit towards a bachelor's degree; authorizing
9 certain scholarships to be used at certain institutions of higher education that award
10 certain degrees in certain programs; and generally relating to the transfer of
11 students and the award of scholarships for students in programs of dental hygiene
12 and medical laboratory technology.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 11–207.1

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

19 Article – Education

20 Section 18–405(b) and 18–501(b)

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

24 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **11-207.1.**

2 **THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A TRANSFER**
3 **AGREEMENT FOR STUDENTS WHO EARN AN ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN**
4 **DENTAL HYGIENE OR MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY AT AN INSTITUTION OF**
5 **HIGHER EDUCATION THAT HAS RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL TO**
6 **OPERATE IN THE STATE BY WHICH AT LEAST 60 CREDITS OF THE CREDITS EARNED**
7 **AS PART OF THE DEGREE SHALL BE TRANSFERABLE TO A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER**
8 **EDUCATION INSTITUTION FOR CREDIT TOWARDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE.**

9 18-405.

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, **AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT AWARDS**
13 **AN ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE OR MEDICAL LABORATORY**
14 **TECHNOLOGY THAT HAS RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL TO OPERATE IN**
15 **THE STATE**, a hospital diploma school for training registered nurses, or to attend a private
16 postsecondary proprietary institution that is accredited by a national accrediting
17 association approved by the United States Department of Education as a full-time student;
18 and

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

20 (i) Tuition and mandatory fees; and

21 (ii) Room and board.

22 18-501.

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

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

26 (2) An accredited undergraduate, graduate, or professional institution
27 outside the State, if:

28 (i) The applicant will be studying in an academic area that is not
29 available in this State; or

30 (ii) 1. The applicant is disabled;

31 2. The applicant will be studying at an institution outside the
32 State that makes special provisions for disabled students; and

1 3. Comparable special provisions are not available to that
2 student at an institution in the State; [and]

3 **(3) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT AWARDS AN**
4 **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE OR MEDICAL LABORATORY**
5 **TECHNOLOGY THAT HAS RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL TO OPERATE IN**
6 **THE STATE; AND**

7 **[(3)] (4)** A private career school within the State that is approved by the
8 Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 11–202 of this article and that is
9 accredited by a national accrediting association that is approved by the United States
10 Department of Education.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2015.