

SENATE BILL 799

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By: **Senator Guzzone**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community College Tuition and Residency Waivers – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to include in
4 the annual State budget for the Maryland Higher Education Commission an
5 appropriation of a certain amount to fund State–mandated community college
6 tuition and residency waivers; and generally relating to community college funding
7 for State–mandated tuition and residency waivers.

8 BY adding to
9 Article – Education
10 Section 16–322
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **16–322.**

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “QUALIFYING STUDENT” MEANS A COMMUNITY
18 COLLEGE STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A TUITION OR RESIDENCY WAIVER AS ONE OF
19 THE FOLLOWING:

20 (1) A FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT OR AN UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS
21 YOUTH UNDER § 15–106.1 OF THIS ARTICLE;

22 (2) A UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER, THE
23 SPOUSE OR CHILD OF AN ARMED FORCES ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER, A UNITED STATES

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 ARMED FORCES VETERAN WHO HAS BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED, OR A MEMBER
2 OF THE NATIONAL GUARD UNDER § 15–106.4 OF THIS ARTICLE;

3 (3) THE SON OR DAUGHTER OF A STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY
4 EMPLOYEE UNDER § 15–106.7 OF THIS ARTICLE;

5 (4) A SENIOR CITIZEN UNDER § 16–106(B) OF THIS TITLE;

6 (5) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY UNDER § 16–106(C) OF THIS
7 TITLE;

8 (6) A STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN EDUCATION PROGRAM LEADING TO
9 LICENSURE IN NURSING UNDER § 16–310(A)(4) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

10 (7) A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER UNDER § 16–310(A)(6) OF THIS
11 SUBTITLE; OR

12 (8) A STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM THAT
13 THE COMMISSION DESIGNATES AS A HEALTH MANPOWER SHORTAGE PROGRAM
14 UNDER § 16–310(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

15 (B) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
16 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL FOR THE COMMISSION
17 AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000,000 TO FUND STATE-MANDATED TUITION AND
18 RESIDENCY WAIVERS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

19 (C) THE COMMISSION SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE APPROPRIATION REQUIRED
20 UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION TO EACH BOARD OF TRUSTEES BASED ON
21 THE NUMBER OF ENROLLED QUALIFYING STUDENTS AT EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
22 IN PROPORTION TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ENROLLED QUALIFYING STUDENTS, AS
23 DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

24 (D) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT ANY REGULATIONS OR GUIDELINES
25 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
27 1, 2022.