

SENATE BILL 359

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CF HB 390

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

8 BY adding to
9 Article – Education
10 Section 16–322
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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 FINANCIALLY DEPENDENT CHILD OF AN ARMED FORCES ACTIVE DUTY

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(B) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2025 THROUGH 2027, THE GOVERNOR
SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL FOR THE COMMISSION AN
APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000,000 TO FUND STATE-MANDATED TUITION AND
RESIDENCY WAIVERS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

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

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

(E) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THROUGH
DECEMBER 1, 2027, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,
ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING A TUITION OR RESIDENCY WAIVER FOR
EACH CATEGORY LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR EACH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS PROVIDED TO EACH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDER THIS SECTION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2023.