

SENATE BILL 359

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CF HB 390

By: ~~Senator Guzzone~~ Senators Guzzone, Benson, Elfreth, Hettleman, Jackson,
King, Rosapepe, and Zucker

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Governor, ~~for certain fiscal years,~~ to include
4 in 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 (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:

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.



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

(2) A UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER, THE SPOUSE OR FINANCIALLY DEPENDENT CHILD OF AN ARMED FORCES ACTIVE DUTY 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~~ THE GOVERNOR ~~SHALL~~ MAY 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~~ THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE

1 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
2 ARTICLE, ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING A TUITION OR RESIDENCY
3 WAIVER FOR EACH CATEGORY LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR
4 EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS PROVIDED TO EACH
5 COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDER THIS SECTION.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.