

HOUSE BILL 1317

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Maryland Technology Internship Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Technology Internship Program;
4 establishing certain purposes of the Program; requiring ~~the Shriver Center~~
5 ~~located at~~ the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) to administer
6 the Program and, in collaboration with the Department of Business and
7 Economic Development, undertake certain activities to carry out the purposes of
8 the Program; establishing certain eligibility requirements for participation in
9 the Program; requiring ~~the Shriver Center~~ UMBC to develop a process for
10 tracking and assessing certain outcomes; requiring ~~the Shriver Center~~ UMBC
11 to obtain feedback from Program participants at certain times; authorizing the use
12 of certain awards to reimburse certain businesses for up to a certain percentage
13 of the amount paid to an intern up to a certain amount; requiring ~~the Shriver~~
14 ~~Center~~ UMBC to prepare a certain annual report; requiring the Governor to
15 make an appropriation in the State budget for a certain purpose; defining
16 certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Technology Internship
17 Program.

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Education

20 Section 18–3001 through 18–3010 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 30.

21 Maryland Technology Internship Program”

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

3 **Article – Education**

4 **SUBTITLE 30. MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.**

5 **18-3001.**

6 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
7 INDICATED.

8 (B) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP
9 PROGRAM.

10 ~~(C) “SHRIVER CENTER” MEANS THE SHRIVER CENTER LOCATED AT~~
11 ~~THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY.~~

12 ~~(D)~~ (C) “TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESS” MEANS A COMMERCIAL OR
13 AN INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE ENGAGED IN THE APPLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC
14 KNOWLEDGE TO PRACTICAL PURPOSES IN A PARTICULAR FIELD.

15 (D) “UMBC” MEANS THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE
16 COUNTY.

17 **18-3002.**

18 **THERE IS A MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.**

19 **18-3003.**

20 **THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM ARE TO:**

21 (1) CONNECT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, RECENT
22 GRADUATES, AND VETERANS WITH SMALL INNOVATIVE BUSINESSES IN THE
23 HIGH-GROWTH TECHNOLOGY SECTOR THROUGH INTERNSHIPS;

24 (2) ENCOURAGE HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS AT INSTITUTIONS
25 OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE TO REMAIN IN THE STATE AFTER
26 GRADUATION;

27 (3) INCREASE STUDENT UNDERSTANDING OF EMPLOYMENT
28 OPPORTUNITIES IN THE STATE;

1 (4) CREATE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND
2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS LEADERS AND ENTREPRENEURS AND DEVELOP
3 OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITIES;

4 (5) ASSIST SMALL TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES IN
5 DEVELOPING INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS AND RECRUITING FUTURE EMPLOYEES;
6 AND

7 (6) FOSTER BUSINESS RETENTION AND DEVELOPMENT, JOB
8 CREATION, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND NEW INVESTMENT IN THE STATE.

9 18-3004.

10 (A) ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

11 (B) TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM, ~~THE SHRIVER~~
12 ~~CENTER~~ UMBC, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS
13 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SHALL:

14 (1) ESTABLISH AN INTERNET ~~PORTAL~~ SITE THROUGH WHICH:

15 (I) STUDENTS MAY ~~APPLY ONLINE TO BE MATCHED WITH~~
16 LEARN ABOUT TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES AND INTERNSHIP
17 OPPORTUNITIES; AND

18 (II) TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES MAY REGISTER,
19 POST INFORMATION ABOUT INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, AND APPLY FOR
20 REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERNSHIP STIPENDS AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS
21 SUBTITLE;

22 (2) DEVELOP APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS;

23 (3) DEVELOP ORIENTATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR
24 PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM;

25 (4) REVIEW APPLICATIONS AND AWARD REIMBURSEMENTS OF
26 INTERNSHIP STIPENDS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

27 (5) PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO MEET
28 ENTREPRENEURS AND VISIT TECHNOLOGY-RELATED INDUSTRY INCUBATORS
29 AND LEARN ABOUT STARTING A BUSINESS IN THE STATE;

30 (6) PROVIDE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND
31 SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES; AND

1 (7) TRACK AND ASSESS PROGRAM OUTCOMES.

2 18-3005.

3 TO QUALIFY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, AN INDIVIDUAL
4 SHALL:

5 (1) (I) 1. BE A STUDENT ENROLLED AT ~~AN~~ A NONPROFIT
6 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT POSSESSES A
7 CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION; AND

8 2. MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE 3.0 GRADE POINT
9 AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE EACH ACADEMIC YEAR;

10 (II) 1. WITHIN 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE OF
11 APPLICATION FOR THE PROGRAM, HAVE GRADUATED FROM ~~AN~~ A NONPROFIT
12 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT POSSESSES A
13 CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION; AND

14 2. HAVE MAINTAINED A CUMULATIVE 3.0 GRADE
15 POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE DURING THE LATEST ACADEMIC YEAR THE
16 INDIVIDUAL WAS ENROLLED AS A STUDENT; ~~OR~~

17 (III) 1. BE A STUDENT ENROLLED AT ~~AN~~ A NONPROFIT
18 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE STATE, IF THE STUDENT
19 GRADUATED FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE; AND

20 2. MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE 3.0 GRADE POINT
21 AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE EACH ACADEMIC YEAR; OR

22 (IV) 1. ~~BE A VETERAN~~ HAVE BEEN HONORABLY
23 DISCHARGED FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, THE NATIONAL
24 GUARD, OR A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES
25 WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF APPLICATION;

26 2. BE A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND; AND

27 3. HAVE GRADUATED FROM A 2-YEAR OR 4-YEAR
28 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

29 (2) COMMIT TO WORKING ~~AT LEAST 10 HOURS EACH WEEK OR A~~
30 ~~TOTAL~~ A MINIMUM OF 120 HOURS DURING A SPRING, FALL, OR SUMMER
31 SEMESTER;

1 (3) ATTEND AN ORIENTATION SESSION PROVIDED OR APPROVED
2 BY ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC; AND

3 (4) MEET ANY OTHER CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY ~~THE SHRIVER~~
4 ~~CENTER~~ UMBC.

5 18-3006.

6 TO QUALIFY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, A BUSINESS SHALL:

7 (1) BE LOCATED IN THE STATE;

8 (2) BE A TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESS;

9 (3) HAVE NOT MORE THAN 150 EMPLOYEES;

10 (4) COMMIT TO HOSTING AN INTERN FOR ~~AT LEAST 10 HOURS~~
11 ~~EACH WEEK OR A TOTAL A MINIMUM~~ OF 120 HOURS DURING A SPRING, FALL, OR
12 SUMMER SEMESTER;

13 (5) PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AN INTERN POSITION
14 WITH THE BUSINESS; AND

15 (6) PROVIDE PROOF THAT A REPRESENTATIVE HAS ATTENDED AN
16 ORIENTATION OR TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDED OR APPROVED BY ~~THE~~
17 ~~SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC.

18 18-3007.

19 (A) ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR
20 TRACKING AND ASSESSING THE OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING:

21 (1) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES
22 PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM;

23 (2) THE LOCATIONS OF PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES;

24 (3) THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS REMAINING IN
25 THE STATE AFTER GRADUATION;

26 (4) THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEE HIRES RESULTING FROM
27 INTERNSHIPS;

1 **(5) THE EFFECT OF THE PROGRAM ON STUDENT**
2 **UNDERSTANDING OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL**
3 **BUSINESSES IN THE STATE;**

4 **(6) STUDENT SKILL GROWTH RESULTING FROM INTERNSHIP**
5 **EXPERIENCES;**

6 **(7) BUSINESS GROWTH OR IMPROVEMENT RESULTING FROM**
7 **INTERNSHIPS; AND**

8 **(8) THE EFFECT OF THE PROGRAM ON RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN**
9 **BUSINESSES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.**

10 **(B) ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC SHALL OBTAIN FEEDBACK FROM**
11 **PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:**

12 **(1) AT THE CONCLUSION OF ANY ORIENTATION OR TRAINING**
13 **PROGRAM;**

14 **(2) AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH INTERNSHIP; AND**

15 **(3) AT THE FOLLOWING INTERVALS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF**
16 **EACH INTERNSHIP:**

17 **(I) 3 MONTHS;**

18 **(II) 6 MONTHS;**

19 **(III) 1 YEAR;**

20 **(IV) 2 YEARS; AND**

21 **(V) 3 YEARS.**

22 **18-3008.**

23 **MONEY AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE:**

24 **(1) MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE A TECHNOLOGY-BASED**
25 **BUSINESS UP TO 50% OF A STIPEND PAID TO AN INTERN, BUT NOT MORE THAN:**

26 **(I) \$1,800 FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER; AND**

27 **(II) \$1,200 FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER; AND**

1 (2) MAY TOTAL NOT MORE THAN \$3,000 EACH YEAR FOR EACH
2 ~~BUSINESS INTERN.~~

3 18-3009.

4 (A) AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC
5 SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT ~~OF THE FUND~~ THAT INCLUDES AN
6 ACCOUNTING OF ALL FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES THAT RELATE
7 TO THE PROGRAM.

8 (B) ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF THE
9 REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE
10 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

11 18-3010.

12 THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL INCLUDE FUNDS IN THE STATE
13 BUDGET FOR:

14 (1) THE REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERNSHIP STIPENDS UNDER THIS
15 SUBTITLE; AND

16 (2) ~~THE SHRIVER CENTER~~ UMBC TO ADMINISTER THE
17 PROGRAM.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.