

Chapter 591

(House Bill 307)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Technology Internship Program – Qualifications for Participation – Alterations

FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of “technology–based business” to include a certain type of nonprofit organization for purposes of the Maryland Technology Internship Program; altering the cumulative grade point average that a certain individual must maintain or have maintained during a certain academic year to qualify for participation in the Maryland Technology Internship Program; and generally relating to qualifications for participation in the Maryland Technology Internship Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–3001 and 18–3005
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

18–3001.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Program” means the Maryland Technology Internship Program.

(c) “Technology–based business” means a commercial or [an] industrial enterprise, **OR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, THAT IS** engaged in the application of scientific knowledge to practical purposes in a particular field.

(d) “UMBC” means the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

18–3005.

To qualify for participation in the Program, an individual shall:

(1) (i) 1. Be a student enrolled at a public or private nonprofit

institution of higher education in the State that possesses a certificate of approval from the Commission; and

2. Maintain a cumulative ~~[3.0]~~ **2.5** grade point average on a 4.0 scale each academic year;

(ii) 1. Within 12 months before the date of application for the Program, have graduated from a public or private nonprofit institution of higher education in the State that possesses a certificate of approval from the Commission; and

2. Have maintained a cumulative ~~[3.0]~~ **2.5** grade point average on a 4.0 scale during the latest academic year the individual was enrolled as a student;

(iii) 1. Be a student enrolled at a public or private nonprofit institution of higher education outside the State, if the student graduated from a high school in the State; and

2. Maintain a cumulative ~~[3.0]~~ **2.5** grade point average on a 4.0 scale each academic year; or

(iv) 1. Have been honorably discharged from the United States armed forces, the National Guard, or a reserve component of the United States armed forces within 18 months of the date of application;

2. Be a resident of Maryland; and

3. Have graduated from a public or private nonprofit institution of higher education;

(2) Commit to working a minimum of 120 hours during a spring, fall, or summer semester;

(3) Attend an orientation session provided or approved by UMBC; and

(4) Meet any other criteria established by UMBC.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.