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By: Senators Pinsky, Ferguson, King, and Young

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

Τ	AN ACT concerning		

Community Colleges - Maryland	l Community	College	Promise	Scholarshi	ips –
	Revisions				

- FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for a Maryland Community College 4 5 Promise Scholarship; providing that certain eligible recipients remain eligible for the 6 scholarship in a certain academic year notwithstanding certain eligibility criteria 7 under certain circumstances; altering the employment requirements relating to a 8 service obligation associated with a scholarship; authorizing a recipient to satisfy 9 certain requirements relating to a service obligation associated with a scholarship under certain circumstances; authorizing a recipient to hold an award if the recipient 10 11 continues to enroll in a certain sequence of courses; altering the contents of a certain 12 report; and generally relating to Maryland Community College Promise Scholarships. 13
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Article Education

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- 16 Section 18–3603(b), 18–3604(b) through (d), and 18–3607
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 Article – Education

22 18–3603.

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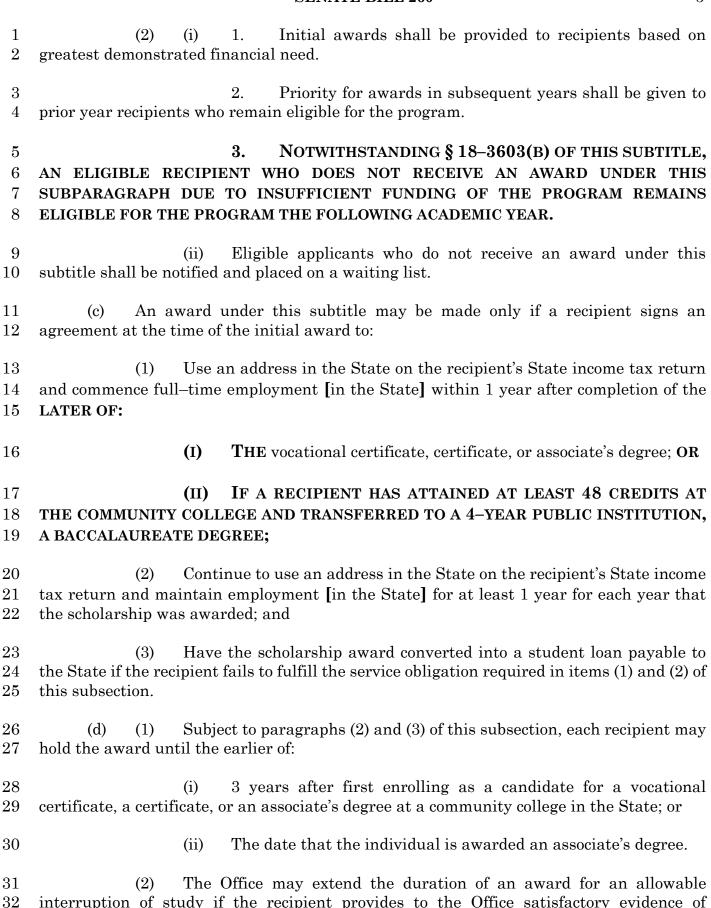
- 23 (b) An applicant is eligible for a Maryland Community College Promise 24 Scholarship if the applicant:
 - (1) Is eligible for in–State tuition;



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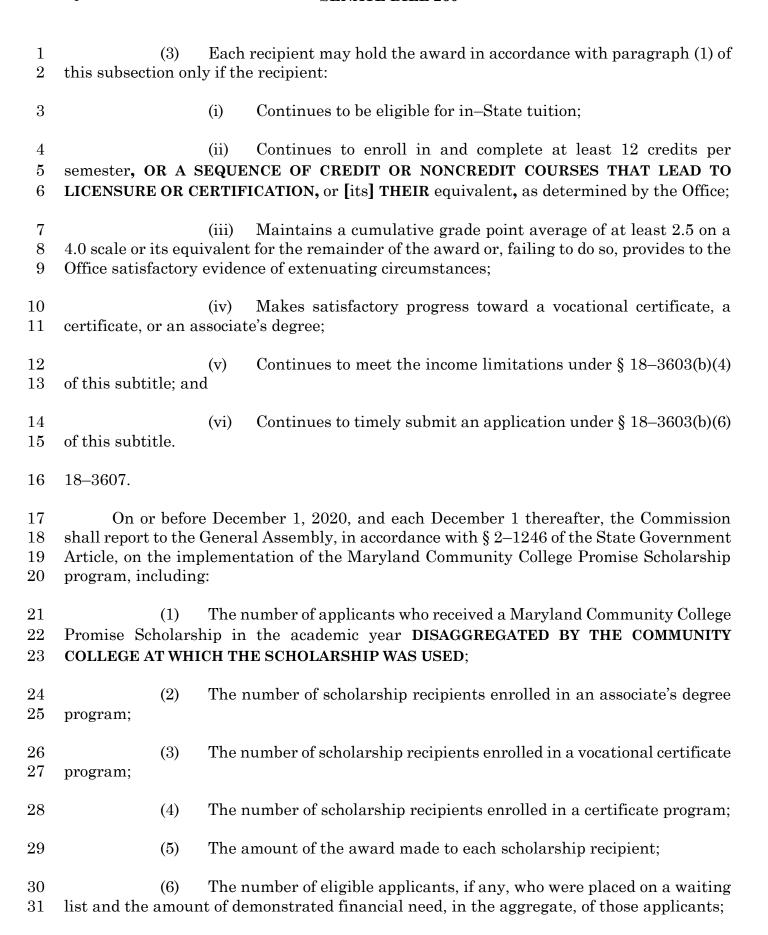
18-3604.

- 1 (2)Enrolls as a candidate for a vocational certificate, a certificate, or an 2 associate's degree [at a community college in the State] within 2 years after graduating 3 from a high school or successfully completing a GED in the State: 4 **(I)** EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS ITEM, AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OR, IN THE CASE OF A REGIONAL 5 6 COMMUNITY COLLEGE, IN THE REGION, WHERE THE APPLICANT LIVES; OR 7 (II)IF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OR 8 REGION WHERE THE APPLICANT LIVES DOES NOT OFFER THE DEGREE OR 9 CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN WHICH THE APPLICANT WANTS TO ENROLL, THEN AT 10 ANY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE THAT OFFERS THE PROGRAM: 11 Has earned an overall high school grade point average of at least 2.3 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent; 12 13 **(4)** Has an annual adjusted gross income of not more than: (i) \$100,000 if the applicant is single or resides in a single-parent 14 15 household; or 16 \$150,000 if the applicant is married or resides in a two-parent (ii) 17 household; 18 Enrolls in [at]: (5)19 **(I)** AT least 12 credits per semester at the community college; OR 20 A SEQUENCE OF CREDIT OR NONCREDIT COURSES THAT 21 LEAD TO LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION; and 22 (6)Timely submits a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (i) 23 (FAFSA) or any other applications for any State or federal student financial aid, other than 24a student loan, for which the applicant may qualify; or 25 Is ineligible to submit a FAFSA, qualifies for in-State tuition under § 15–106.8 of this article, and timely submits an application for any State student 2627 financial aid, other than a student loan, for which the applicant may qualify.
- 29 (b) (1) Any student financial aid, other than a student loan, received by the 30 recipient shall be credited to the recipient's tuition before the calculation of any award 31 amount provided under this subtitle.



extenuating circumstances that prevent the recipient from continuous enrollment.

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- 1 (7) The number of scholarship recipients who earned an associate's degree 2 within 2, 3, or 4 years after receiving an award;
- 3 (8) The number of scholarship recipients who earned a vocational 4 certificate within 1, 2, or 3 years after receiving an award;
- 5 (9) The number of scholarship recipients who transferred to a 4-year 6 institution in the State; [and]
- 7 (10) THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WHO RECEIVED A
 8 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AFTER TRANSFERRING TO A 4-YEAR INSTITUTION IN THE
 9 STATE;
- 10 (11) THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR WHICH THE SERVICE OBLIGATION WAS DEFERRED, WAIVED, OR CONVERTED INTO A STUDENT LOAN; AND
- [(10)] (12) The actual and potential impact of the program on enrollment rates at community colleges and 4-year public institutions in the State.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 16 1, 2019.