

SENATE BILL 303

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By: **Senators Guzzone, Conway, King, Madaleno, McFadden, Middleton, Smith, Young, and Zucker**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Community College Tuition and Residency Waivers –**
3 **Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to include in
5 the annual State budget for the Maryland Higher Education Commission a General
6 Fund appropriation of a certain amount to fund certain community college tuition
7 and residency waivers; requiring the Commission to distribute the appropriation to
8 each community college board of trustees based on the number of qualifying students
9 enrolled in each community college in proportion to the total number of qualifying
10 students, as determined by the Commission; requiring the Commission to adopt
11 certain regulations or guidelines; defining a certain term; and generally relating to
12 community college funding for mandated tuition and residency waivers.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 16–320

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **16–320.**

22 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “QUALIFYING STUDENT” MEANS A COMMUNITY
23 COLLEGE STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A TUITION OR RESIDENCY WAIVER AS ONE OF
24 THE FOLLOWING:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **(2) A UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER,**
4 **SPOUSE, CHILD, OR VETERAN WHO HAS BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED OR A**
5 **MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD UNDER § 15–106.4 OF THIS ARTICLE;**

6 **(3) THE SON OR DAUGHTER OF A STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY**
7 **EMPLOYEE UNDER § 15–106.7 OF THIS ARTICLE;**

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

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

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

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

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

18 **(B) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**
19 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET FOR THE COMMISSION**
20 **A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION OF \$7,000,000 TO FUND STATE–MANDATED**
21 **TUITION AND RESIDENCY WAIVERS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES.**

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

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

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
30 1, 2018.