

SENATE BILL 845

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By: **Senator Benson**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Workforce Development Sequence Scholarships – Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding program eligibility for Workforce Development Sequence
4 Scholarships by altering a certain definition to include certain students enrolled
5 directly in registered apprenticeship programs; and generally relating to Workforce
6 Development Sequence Scholarships.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 18–3301
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Education
14 Section 18–3302
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 18–3301.

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

22 (b) “Eligible student” means a student who[:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) Is] IS a Maryland resident, or has graduated from a Maryland high
2 school[;], and:

3 [(2)] (1) Is enrolled in a Workforce Development Sequence at a public
4 community college in the State; OR

5 (2) IS ENROLLED DIRECTLY IN A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP
6 PROGRAM.

7 (c) (1) “Workforce Development Sequence” means:

8 (i) A program offered by a community college that is approved by
9 the Commission and is composed of courses that are related to:

- 10 1. Job preparation or an apprenticeship;
- 11 2. Licensure or certification; or
- 12 3. Job skill enhancement; or

13 (ii) A registered apprenticeship program approved by the Division of
14 Workforce Development and Adult Learning in the Maryland Department of Labor.

15 (2) “Workforce Development Sequence” does not include a sequence of
16 courses leading to an associate’s or bachelor’s degree.

17 (d) “Workforce Development Sequence Scholarship” means an award made to an
18 eligible student under this subtitle.

19 18–3302.

20 There is a Workforce Development Sequence Scholarship administered by the Office.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2021.