

# HOUSE BILL 538

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Dual Enrollment Grant Program**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law relating to the inclusion of  
4 dually enrolled students in a certain part-time grant program; requiring the  
5 Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish and administer a grant  
6 program for dually enrolled students; requiring a recipient of a dual enrollment  
7 grant to be a resident of the State and a dually enrolled student; requiring the  
8 Commission to administer funds for the Dual Enrollment Grant Program and to  
9 distribute funds to an institution of higher education on behalf of a dual  
10 enrollment grant recipient; requiring funds for the Dual Enrollment Grant  
11 Program to be as provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the  
12 Governor; requiring the Commission to establish guidelines for the awarding of  
13 dual enrollment grants to dually enrolled students; requiring the Commission to  
14 adopt certain regulations; requiring the Governor to include certain funds in the  
15 State budget for certain fiscal years for the Dual Enrollment Grant Program;  
16 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Dual Enrollment Grant  
17 Program.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Education  
20 Section 18–1401  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2006 Replacement Volume)

23 BY adding to

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – Education

2 Section 18–14A–01 through 18–14A–03 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle  
3 14A. Dual Enrollment Grant Program”

4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

8 **Article – Education**

9 18–1401.

10 (a) In this section, “part–time student” means a student who is[:

11 (1) Enrolled] **ENROLLED** in a degree–granting program at an eligible  
12 institution and taking at least 6 but no more than 11 semester hours of courses each  
13 semester[; or

14 (2) Dually enrolled in a secondary school in the State and an  
15 institution of higher education].

16 (b) [(1)] In cooperation with the institutions of higher education in the  
17 State, the Commission shall establish and administer a grant program for  
18 undergraduate part–time students.

19 [(2) Each institution of higher education that participates in the grant  
20 program shall establish criteria for awarding a grant or waiver to dually enrolled  
21 students.]

22 (c) A recipient of a part–time grant shall:

23 (1) Be a resident of the State; and

24 (2) [(i)] Have demonstrated a definite financial need according to  
25 criteria established by the Commission[; or

26 (ii) Be a dually enrolled student].

27 **SUBTITLE 14A. DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT PROGRAM.**

28 **18–14A–01.**

1           (A) IN THIS SECTION, "DUALY ENROLLED STUDENT" MEANS A  
2 STUDENT WHO IS DUALY ENROLLED IN:

3                   (1) A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE; AND

4                   (2) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

5           (B) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A GRANT  
6 PROGRAM FOR DUALY ENROLLED STUDENTS.

7           (C) A RECIPIENT OF A DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT SHALL:

8                   (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE; AND

9                   (2) BE A DUALY ENROLLED STUDENT.

10 **18-14A-02.**

11           (A) FUNDS FOR THE DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE:

12                   (1) ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSION; AND

13                   (2) DISTRIBUTED TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION ON  
14 BEHALF OF A DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT RECIPIENT.

15           (B) FUNDS FOR THE DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE  
16 AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY THE  
17 GOVERNOR.

18 **18-14A-03.**

19           THE COMMISSION SHALL:

20                   (1) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARDING OF DUAL  
21 ENROLLMENT GRANTS TO DUALY ENROLLED STUDENTS; AND

22                   (2) ADOPT ANY OTHER GUIDELINES OR REGULATIONS  
23 NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, beginning with the fiscal  
2 year 2009 State budget and each year thereafter, the Governor shall appropriate to  
3 the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the administration of the Dual  
4 Enrollment Grant Program established under Title 18, Subtitle 14A of the Education  
5 Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, an amount not less than 10% of the amount  
6 appropriated to the Commission for the administration of the Part-Time Grant  
7 Program established under Title 18, Subtitle 14 of the Education Article.

8           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 June 1, 2007.