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Maryland Community College Promise Scholarships Bill Awaits Governor’s Signature
Program earmarks $15 million in need-based tuition aid, more than doubles current funding levels

Annapolis, MD – Lawmakers approved legislation that would more than double state scholarship money available to low-income community college students late Monday night, with just minutes remaining in the 2018 legislative session. Eligible students are Maryland residents, recently graduated from high school, who meet G.P.A., income and other requirements, and attend community college full-time. The legislation would apply to students enrolling in community college in the fall of 2019. It is not known if the Governor will sign the bill.

“This program will be a game-changer for many of our students, we certainly hope Governor Hogan signs it,” said Dr. Bernie Sadusky, Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges. “MACC congratulates the 2018 legislature for its leadership and investment in Maryland’s economic future by passing a program to help more Marylanders prepare for a rapidly changing labor market.”

By 2020, 69% of Maryland jobs will require a postsecondary education according to the Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce*. About 37% of Maryland adults lack any postsecondary education.

Across the U.S., there are currently over 200 College Promise programs in 44 states. These programs motivate students to do well in high school, remove barriers to a postsecondary education, and can expedite entrance to the middle class through preparation for well-paying careers.

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