

Medical Assistance Program recipients; requiring the State Scholarship Administration to administer the Maryland Dent-Care Program with the assistance of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Oral Health; establishing certain requirements for receiving a grant under the Program; authorizing the Administration to award a certain number of grants per year to a certain maximum number of participants in the Program; authorizing a certain maximum amount for each grant; establishing certain requirements for participants in the Program to continue to receive grants; requiring the Administration, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to adopt certain regulations; providing for funding for the Program as provided in the State budget; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Dent-Care Program.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 18-2401 through 18-2408, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
"Subtitle 24. Maryland Dent-Care Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article - Education

SUBTITLE 24. MARYLAND DENT-CARE PROGRAM.

18-2401.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN" MEANS ANY LOAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDY LEADING TO PRACTICE AS A DENTIST THAT IS OBTAINED FOR TUITION, EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES, OR LIVING EXPENSES FROM:

(1) A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, GOVERNMENT, OR COMMERCIAL SOURCE; OR

(2) AN ORGANIZATION, INSTITUTION, ASSOCIATION, SOCIETY, OR CORPORATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OR (4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.

(C) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MARYLAND DENT-CARE PROGRAM.

18-2402.

(A) THERE IS A PROGRAM OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO DENTISTS IN THE STATE, KNOWN AS THE MARYLAND DENT-CARE PROGRAM.