

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  
(1999 Replacement Volume)

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.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR UNDERSERVED MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DENTISTS WHO TREAT THAT POPULATION.

18-2403.

(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OFFICE OF ORAL HEALTH.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OFFICE OF ORAL HEALTH SHALL: