

Chapter 111 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997, as amended by Chapter 494 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000

Section 5

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

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18-1901.

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

(b) "Board" means the [Maryland Higher Education Investment Board] COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS OF MARYLAND BOARD.

(c) "Current prepaid contract obligations" means the scheduled payments due for the next fiscal year under existing prepaid contracts.

(d) "Eligible institution of higher education" means an institution of higher education that:

- (1) Offers an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree program; and
- (2) Is eligible to participate in federal financial aid programs.

(e) "Prepaid contract" means a contract between the Board and [a purchaser] AN ACCOUNT HOLDER under the provisions of this subtitle for the advance payment of qualified higher education expenses by the [purchaser] ACCOUNT HOLDER for a qualified beneficiary to attend an eligible institution of higher education, if the qualified beneficiary is admitted to the institution.

(f) "Market value of program assets" means the amount of cash and cash equivalents held by the [Program] TRUST plus the fair market value of other assets of the [Program] TRUST.

(g) "Plan" means the Maryland College Investment Plan established under Subtitle 19A of this title.

(h) "Program" means the [Maryland Prepaid College Trust established under this subtitle] COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS OF MARYLAND.

(i) ["Purchaser"] "ACCOUNT HOLDER" means an individual who:

- (1) Makes or undertakes the obligation to make advance payments of qualified higher education expenses as provided under a prepaid contract; and
- (2) Except as provided in § 18-1909(b) of this subtitle, is a resident of Maryland or of the District of Columbia at the time that the [purchaser] ACCOUNT HOLDER enters into a prepaid contract.

(j) "Qualified beneficiary" means an individual who: