

Article - Education

18-2101.

(b) "Community-based program" means any [nonprofit] community program licensed by the Developmental Disabilities Administration or approved by the Mental Hygiene Administration to provide habilitation, rehabilitation, residential, or related community support services to individuals with developmental disabilities or mental disorders.

18-2102.

(a) There is a tuition assistance program under this subtitle for use by students at institutions of higher education in the State who:

(1) Work as direct service employees in a community-based program; or

(2) Agree to work as direct service employees in a community-based program in the future.

18-2107.

(a) A student shall be required to repay the State any funds received under the Program if the student fails to:

(1) Earn at least ~~12~~NINE credit hours in each academic year, INCLUDING SUMMER SESSIONS, in which the student receives assistance through the Program;

(2) Make satisfactory progress toward fulfilling all degree requirements of the applicable institution of higher education; or

(3) Complete the employment requirement of this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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(b) (1) "Community-based program" means:

(I) [any] ANY community program licensed by the Developmental Disabilities Administration or approved by the Mental Hygiene Administration to provide habilitation, rehabilitation, residential, or related community support services to individuals with developmental disabilities or mental disorders; OR

(II) ANY RESIDENTIAL CHILDCARE PROGRAM LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES OR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE.

(c) "Direct service employee" means:

(1) [an] AN employee of a community-based program who primarily provides: