

**College and Career
Readiness and College
Completion Act of 2013
Senate Bill 740
(CCRCCA)**

CCRCCA Basics

Clear legislative intent & expectations

- Ensure students are college & career ready
- Expand access to early college
- Enhance transferability
- Drive timely college degree completion

CCRCCA Basics

Prized accomplishment by General Assembly

- Called “landmark” legislation by sponsors
- Adopted swiftly and signed by Governor last week
- *Baltimore Sun* opinion piece coincided with bill signing
“... Never before has the state of Maryland established such clear, student-friendly statewide policies designed to help many more Marylanders earn the postsecondary credentials they will need to support themselves, their families and their communities”

The Road to Readiness By Senator Pinsky & Delegate Kaiser

CCRCCA Basics

Complex legislation

- Impacts each segment of public education
K-12 and public post secondary institutions
(4 year and community colleges)
- Sets big goals & creates *numerous* requirements
with *significant* operational implications
- Demands enhanced K-16 collaboration &
alignment

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Key K-12 Provisions

Math goals and requirements

- **Algebra II competency** for all students.
- Enrollment in **math or math-related course** *each year* in high school.

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Key K-12 Provisions

Other requirements

- **College readiness** assessed no later than 11th grade
- **Transitional courses** developed by MSDE, local school systems & community colleges for those assessed as not college ready

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Key Higher Ed & K-12 Provisions

Enhance and expand college access during High School

- Major changes to Dual Enrollment
- Governor's Early College Grant
 - \$2 million grant pool for Higher Ed & K-12 partnerships (available first year only)

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Dual Enrollment

Required changes for dual enrollment

- Dually Enrolled student defined in law
- School systems must make students aware
- Report number of students & courses to Governor and General Assembly

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Dual Enrollment

New funding paradigm...

Higher Ed may not charge tuition

- School systems pay Higher Ed 75% of tuition but can charge student fee for major portion (90%)
- May not charge FARM eligible students fee
- Bill is silent on Higher Ed fees (MC charges fees at normal rates)
- Prior K-12/Higher Ed funding agreements to be honored

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Community Colleges

Legislated Goals

- 55% of Maryland's adults age 25 to 64 will hold at least an associate's degree by 2025
- All degree-seeking students enrolled at a community college will earn an associate's degree **before** leaving or transferring

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Community College

Requires “degree plan”

- For *degree seeking* students upon entrance
- “A statement of the course of study requirements that an undergraduate enrolled in public higher education must complete to graduate from the institution”
- Plans developed with an advisor
- Plans include a “pathway” to a degree

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Requires “pathway system” to graduation

- Credit math & English within the first 24 credit hours for *first time* students
- Credit bearing courses must be taken concurrently or immediately following developmental course work
- Benchmarks include criteria for satisfactory progress to degree
- Review of benchmarks with advisor; students must see an advisor if falling behind

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Community Colleges

Credit limit for a degree

- AA degree= 60 credits with a few exceptions
- BOTs with MHEC can approve additional exceptions
- Similar requirements for 4 year public colleges

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Transfer & Completion

Transfer agreement

- At least 60 credits transfer from cc's
- MHEC & HE to create a statewide agreement

Reverse Transfer (AA degree after transfer)

- MHEC with HE to craft & implement agreement
- At least 30 credits transfer back

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Transfer & Completion

Incentives (get degree first)

- MHEC with Higher Ed to develop & implement incentives for degree completion *before* transfer

Near Completers (get them a degree)

- Campaign led by MHEC

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- To be reviewed & alternative analyzed
- Make recommendations to maximize credit transferability

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Next Steps

- Increase Dual enrollment for Montgomery College & Montgomery County Public Schools
- Degree plans & pathways for Montgomery College students

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- Honor legislative intent
 - ✓ Ensure access for *all* high school students
 - ✓ Expand access to early college programs

- Key tasks
 - ✓ Operationalize new funding mechanism (completed 2013)

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Pursue intent of legislation...

Collaboration & alignment to enhance college and career readiness of Montgomery's students

- Continue to build on MC/MCPS partnerships
- Determine processes for implementation of other provisions of the bill