



## **Maryland 529 Reform FAQs**

### **When does the bill go into effect?**

The main provisions of Senate Bill 959 go into effect on June 1, 2023, but other provisions go into effect upon the Governor's signature.

### **What will happen to my prepaid account?**

Existing prepaid accounts may remain open for as long as the contract is in effect. This means that some accounts may remain open for another 20 or so years.

Extensions or upgrades to purchase additional semesters or years will no longer be available after June 1, 2023.

### **Can I still enroll in the Maryland Prepaid College Trust?**

The bill prohibits new enrollments beginning on June 1, 2023, but enrollment is open until that date.

### **Who will be in charge of the Maryland 529 Program?**

Beginning on June 1, the Treasurer will assume responsibility as the sole fiduciary of the Program and all three Plans (ABLE, College Investment, and Prepaid). All Program staff will report to the Treasurer.

### **How can I share my experience and concerns with the Treasurer?**

For general comments or inquiries, please contact [MD529@treasurer.state.md.us](mailto:MD529@treasurer.state.md.us). For account-specific inquiries, please continue contacting the Maryland 529 Program directly and cc [MD529@treasurer.state.md.us](mailto:MD529@treasurer.state.md.us).

### **What earnings rate will be applied to my account?**

The Treasurer will undertake a comprehensive review of account holder testimony and actuarial and legal analyses to determine what rate(s) should be applied to accounts.

### **When will I know what earnings rate will be applied?**

The Treasurer has begun working with staff to determine a timeline for implementation and will work as expeditiously as possible to make and announce a determination.

### **What can I expect out of the settlement process?**

In the coming months, the Treasurer will announce the applicable earnings rate(s) and adopt procedures for a settlement process. This aspect of implementation planning is in the earliest stage, but information will be shared with account holders as plans are formalized.

### **Where can I check for updates?**

Regular updates will be provided on social media channels (Facebook - Treasurer Dereck Davis, Instagram - [@mdtreasurerdavis](https://www.instagram.com/mdtreasurerdavis)) and on [www.treasurer.state.md.us](http://www.treasurer.state.md.us).