
By: **Chairman, Ways and Means Committee (Departmental - Higher Education Commission)**

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CHAPTER 581

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Student Financial Assistance and Scholarships**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing graduates of a high school outside of Maryland to be
4 eligible for a Guaranteed Access Grant under the Educational Excellence
5 Awards Program; allowing recipients of certain State scholarships, grants, or
6 awards to also hold certain other State scholarships, grants, or awards; making
7 certain recipients of a Maryland HOPE Scholarship or a Maryland teacher
8 scholarship that was awarded during a certain period eligible for certain student
9 financial assistance; requiring Maryland residency as a condition of eligibility
10 for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship and tuition assistance for
11 career or volunteer firefighter, ambulance or rescue squad members; requiring
12 enrollment in a degree-granting or terminal certificate program as a condition
13 of eligibility for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship; repealing the
14 requirement that the service obligation of recipients of Economic Development
15 Student Assistant Grants awarded to train physical therapists, physical therapy
16 assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants be
17 served in a school or State therapeutic hospital; allowing graduates of a high
18 school outside of Maryland to be eligible for a Maryland HOPE Scholarship; and
19 generally relating to student financial assistance and scholarships.

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Article - Education
22 ~~Section 18-303(e)(1), 18-601(d), 18-603, and 18-704(a)(9)~~
23 Section 18-303(a) and (c)(1), 18-601(d), 18-603, 18-704(a)(9), and 18-2208
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (1999 Replacement Volume)

1 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
2 Article - Education
3 Section 18-601(b) and (c) and 18-704(a)(1) and (b)(1)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (1999 Replacement Volume)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Education
8 Section 18-2303(~~b~~)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1999 Replacement Volume)
11 (As enacted by Chapters 704 and 705 of the Acts of the General Assembly of
12 1999)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 18-303.

17 (a) [Except for an economic development student assistance grant awarded
18 under § 18-701 of this title, a Distinguished Scholar Award under § 18-1101 of this
19 title, and a Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship awarded under § 18-2001
20 of this title, the] THE recipient of an Educational Excellence Award may not hold any
21 other scholarship awarded under this title EXCEPT FOR:

22 (1) AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANT
23 AWARDED UNDER § 18-701 OF THIS TITLE;

24 (2) A DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD UNDER § 18-1101 OF THIS TITLE;

25 (3) A MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED
26 UNDER § 18-2001 OF THIS TITLE;

27 (4) A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER § 18-2202 OF
28 THIS TITLE; AND

29 (5) A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER § 18-2302 OF
30 THIS TITLE.

31 (c) Each recipient of a Guaranteed Access Grant shall:

32 (1) Have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or
33 its equivalent at the end of the first semester of the senior year in high school and
34 have completed high school [in this State] or, failing to do so, on the recommendation
35 of the recipient's high school principal, provide evidence satisfactory to the State
36 Scholarship Administration of extenuating circumstances;

1 18-601.

2 (b) There is a program of scholarships that are awarded under this section.

3 (c) The Program is the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

4 (d) A person may apply to the Administration for a scholarship under this
5 section if the person:

6 (1) IS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND;

7 (2) (I) IS ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION OR ENROLLED IN THE REGULAR
8 UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM AT AN ELIGIBLE
9 INSTITUTION; OR

10 (II) IS ENROLLED IN A 2-YEAR TERMINAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
11 IN WHICH THE COURSE WORK IS ACCEPTABLE FOR TRANSFER CREDIT FOR AN
12 ACCREDITED BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; AND

13 [(1)] (3) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a member of the
14 armed forces who was a resident of this State at the time the parent:

15 (i) Died or was totally and permanently disabled as a result of
16 military service after December 7, 1941; or

17 (ii) Was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action, if that
18 occurred on or after January 1, 1960 as a result of the Vietnam conflict, and if the
19 child was born prior to or while the parent was a prisoner of war or missing in action;

20 [(2)] (4) Was a prisoner of war on or after January 1, 1960 as a result of
21 the Vietnam conflict and was a resident of this State at the time the person was
22 declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action;

23 [(3)] (5) (i) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of any State
24 or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty; or

25 (ii) Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public safety
26 employee killed in the line of duty; or

27 [(4)] (6) Is a disabled public safety employee.

28 18-603.

29 (a) There is a program of tuition assistance under this section.

30 (b) Any career or volunteer fire fighter, ambulance or rescue squad member
31 WHO IS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND shall receive full and complete reimbursement by
32 the Administration for tuition costs not to exceed the resident tuition rates at the
33 University of Maryland, College Park for courses credited toward a degree in fire
34 service technology or emergency medical technology.

1 18-704.

2 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meaning indicated.

3 (9) [(i)] "Service obligation" means the obligation of recipients to
4 provide physical or occupational therapy to handicapped children [in a public school
5 in Maryland or handicapped children placed in a nonpublic education program as
6 provided under § 8-406 of this article, the first year of which is provided under the
7 full-time, on-site supervision of a licensed physical or occupational therapist who has
8 at least 2 years' experience in a school program.

9 (ii) "Service obligation" may include service performed in a State
10 therapeutic hospital determined by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to
11 have a severe shortage of physical or occupational therapists providing the
12 requirement of subsection (c)(2) of this section has been met].

13 (b) (1) Economic Development Student Assistance Grants may be awarded
14 as tuition assistance grants to train physical therapists, physical therapist assistants,
15 occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants.

16 18-2208.

17 Except for AN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD UNDER § 18-301 OF THIS
18 ARTICLE OR a distinguished scholar award under § 18-1101 of this article, the
19 recipient of a Maryland teacher scholarship may not hold any other scholarship
20 awarded under this title.

21 18-2303.

22 (a) Except for AN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD UNDER § 18-301 OF
23 THIS TITLE OR a distinguished scholar award under § 18-1101 of this title, the
24 recipient of a Maryland HOPE Scholarship may not hold any other scholarship
25 awarded under this title.

26 (b) Each recipient of a Maryland HOPE Scholarship shall:

27 (1) Be accepted for admission in a regular undergraduate program at an
28 eligible institution in the State;

29 (2) Be a resident of the State;

30 (3) Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or
31 its equivalent in core curriculum courses as calculated and indicated on the high
32 school transcript after the first semester of the senior year [from a] OF high school
33 [in this State];

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this
35 Act that allow a recipient of a Maryland HOPE Scholarship or a Maryland teacher
36 scholarship to hold multiple grants, scholarships, or awards under Title 18 of the
37 Education Article shall be applied retroactively to any recipient of the Maryland

1 HOPE Scholarship or the Maryland teacher scholarship who was awarded that
2 scholarship prior to the effective date of this Act.

3 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
4 effect October 1, 2000.