

SENATE BILL 206

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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- *Economic and Environmental Affairs/Ways and Means* --

Introduced by **The President (Administration) and Senators Collins,  
Forehand, Kelley, Lawlah, and Ruben**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER 105

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Student Financial Assistance - Maryland Teacher**  
3 **Scholarship**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility ~~and renewal~~ renewability requirements  
5 for the Maryland Teacher Scholarship to certain part-time students who are  
6 pursuing a graduate degree in teaching; and generally relating to the Maryland  
7 Teacher Scholarship program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section ~~18-2203 and 18-2205~~, 18-2205, and ~~18-2206(a)~~ 18-2206  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Education**

2 18-2203.

3 (a) The Administration shall annually select eligible students and offer a  
4 scholarship to each student selected to be used at an eligible institution of their  
5 choice.

6 (b) A recipient of the Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall:

7 (1) Be a Maryland resident;

8 (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, be accepted for  
9 admission [as a full-time student or be] OR currently enrolled at an eligible  
10 institution as a full-time UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT OR A FULL-TIME OR  
11 PART-TIME GRADUATE student pursuing a course of study or program in an academic  
12 discipline leading to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

13 (3) (i) For a student currently enrolled in high school, have earned a  
14 cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent in core  
15 curriculum courses at the time of application; or

16 (ii) For a student currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate  
17 student, have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and have  
18 been making satisfactory progress toward a degree in an academic discipline leading  
19 to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

20 (4) Sign a letter of intent to perform the service obligation upon  
21 completion of the recipient's required studies;

22 (5) Accept any other conditions attached to the award; and

23 (6) Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

24 (c) A recipient of the Maryland Teacher Scholarship may not[:

25 (1) Be currently enrolled in an eligible institution;

26 (2) Be a college graduate; or

27 (3) Hold] HOLD a Maryland professional teacher's certificate.

28 (d) (1) Applicants who are secondary school students shall provide a high  
29 school transcript after completion of the first semester of their senior year.

30 (2) Applicants who are currently enrolled in an eligible institution shall  
31 provide the most recent college transcript, or if not applicable, the applicant may  
32 submit a final high school transcript.

33 (3) Applicants who are not currently enrolled in an eligible institution,  
34 but who are high school graduates shall provide a final high school transcript.

1 (4) Applicants who are high school graduates and are not currently  
2 enrolled in an eligible institution, but have completed some courses at an eligible  
3 institution, shall provide the most recent college transcript.

4 (5) Applicants who are not currently enrolled in an eligible institution,  
5 but who are college graduates shall provide a final college transcript.

6 18-2205.

7 The annual scholarship award shall be in the amount of:

8 (1) \$2,000 for [a] AN UNDERGRADUATE student enrolled at a 2-year  
9 eligible institution; [or]

10 (2) \$5,000 for a FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE student  
11 enrolled in a 4-year eligible institution; OR

12 (3) \$2,500 FOR A PART-TIME GRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLED AT A  
13 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

14 18-2206.

15 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, each recipient of a  
16 Maryland teacher scholarship may renew the award three times if the recipient:

17 (1) Continues to be a resident of the State;

18 (2) Continues to be a full-time student OR PART-TIME GRADUATE  
19 STUDENT at an eligible institution [and takes at least 12 semester hours of courses  
20 each semester or its equivalent] as determined by the Administration;

21 (3) Has achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0  
22 scale and maintains this minimum cumulative grade point average throughout the  
23 remainder of this award, or failing to do so, provides evidence of extenuating  
24 circumstances;

25 (4) In the judgment of the institution, is making satisfactory progress  
26 toward a degree; and

27 (5) Maintains the standards of the institution.

28 (b) (1) Each recipient of a Maryland teacher scholarship who is enrolled in  
29 an associate degree program as permitted in this subtitle may renew the award two  
30 times if the recipient is enrolled in an associate degree program that, as determined by  
31 the institution, requires 3 years to complete.

32 (2) Each recipient of the Maryland teacher scholarship may renew the  
33 annual award four times if the recipient is enrolled in a course of study that, as  
34 determined by the institution, requires 5 years to complete.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
2 effect July 1, 2001.