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CHAPTER 302

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Community Colleges – Scholarships~~ Higher Education - Part-Time Grant
3 Program - Dual Enrollment Students

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the State Scholarship Administration to award certain~~
5 ~~matching scholarships to certain students who are dually enrolled in a~~
6 ~~secondary school in the State and a community college in the State; excepting~~
7 ~~certain scholarship recipients from a certain service obligation; requiring the~~
8 ~~Administration to provide unused funds from the program of Maryland teacher~~
9 ~~scholarships to finance the matching scholarships; and generally relating to~~
10 ~~scholarships for students who are dually enrolled in a secondary school in the~~
11 ~~State and a community college in the State including students who are dually~~
12 ~~enrolled in a secondary school in the State and an institution of higher education~~
13 ~~in the State in the part-time student grant program; requiring certain~~
14 ~~institutions of higher education to establish criteria for awarding a part-time~~
15 ~~student grant or waiver to a dually enrolled student; altering a certain~~
16 ~~definition; and generally relating to including dually enrolled students in the~~
17 ~~part-time student grant program.~~

18 ~~BY adding to~~
19 ~~Article – Education~~
20 ~~Section 16-318~~
21 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
22 ~~(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)~~

23 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

1 Article—Education
2 Section ~~18-2201 and 18-2202~~
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (~~1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement~~)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Education
7 Section ~~18-2209~~ 18-1401
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (~~1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement~~)

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

12 **Article - Education**

13 ~~16-318.~~

14 ~~(A) TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP~~
15 ~~ADMINISTRATION SHALL AWARD A SCHOLARSHIP THAT MATCHES A SCHOLARSHIP~~
16 ~~AWARDED BY A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE TO A STUDENT WHO IS DUALY~~
17 ~~ENROLLED IN:~~

18 ~~(1) A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE; AND~~

19 ~~(2) THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.~~

20 ~~(B) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION ANNUALLY SHALL USE MONEY~~
21 ~~APPROPRIATED FROM UNUSED MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER §~~
22 ~~18-2209 OF THIS ARTICLE TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

23 ~~(2) A STUDENT WHO IS AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION~~
24 ~~IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE SERVICE OBLIGATION UNDER TITLE 18, SUBTITLE 22 OF~~
25 ~~THIS ARTICLE.~~

26 ~~18-2201.~~

27 ~~(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

28 ~~(b) "Eligible institution" means a public or private institution of higher~~
29 ~~education in this State that possesses a certificate of approval from the Maryland~~
30 ~~Higher Education Commission.~~

31 ~~(c) (1) "Service obligation" means to teach full time in the State as a teacher~~
32 ~~in a Maryland public elementary or secondary school.~~

33 ~~(2) "Service obligation" does not mean employment as teaching~~
34 ~~assistants, volunteer service, paid fellowships, or internships.~~

1 (d) "Administration" means the State Scholarship Administration as defined
2 in § 18-101(b) of this title.

3 ~~18-2202.~~

4 There is a program of Maryland teacher scholarships that are awarded under
5 this subtitle for students who pledge to work as public elementary and secondary
6 school teachers in this State upon completion of their studies.

7 ~~18-2209.~~

8 (A) Funds for the Maryland teacher scholarship program shall be as provided
9 in the annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.

10 (B) ~~THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL USE MONEY APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS
11 SUBTITLE THAT IS NOT USED BY THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR TO FUND MATCHING
12 SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER § 16-318 OF THIS ARTICLE IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR FOR
13 STUDENTS WHO ARE DUALY ENROLLED IN:~~

14 ~~(1) A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE; AND~~

15 ~~(2) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE.~~

16 ~~18-1401.~~

17 (a) In this section, "part-time student" means a student [enrolled] WHO IS:

18 (1) ENROLLED in a degree-granting program at an eligible institution
19 and taking at least 6 but no more than 11 semester hours of courses each semester; OR

20 (2) DUALY ENROLLED IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE AND AN
21 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

22 (b) (1) In cooperation with the institutions of higher education in the State,
23 the Commission shall establish and administer a grant program for undergraduate
24 part-time students.

25 (2) EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT PARTICIPATES IN
26 THE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR AWARDING A GRANT OR
27 WAIVER TO DUALY ENROLLED STUDENTS.

28 (c) A recipient of a part-time grant shall:

29 (1) Be a resident of the State; and

30 (2) (I) Have demonstrated a definite financial need according to
31 criteria established by the Commission; OR

32 (II) BE A DUALY ENROLLED STUDENT.

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