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

Introduced by **Senators Hogan, Collins, Currie, Dyson, Harris, Madden,
Mooney, Middleton, Roesser, and Van Hollen**

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

President.

CHAPTER 377

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships -**
3 **Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Scholarship Administration to offer each year
5 Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships to certain students who have
6 been accepted into certain academic programs under certain circumstances;
7 ~~requiring the Administration to offer scholarships to certain students currently~~
8 ~~enrolled in certain undergraduate programs under certain circumstances;~~
9 ~~altering a certain qualification for the scholarship; establishing certain~~
10 ~~requirements for certain undergraduate students to receive a Maryland Science~~
11 ~~and Technology Scholarship; requiring the Administration to establish certain~~
12 ~~procedures;~~ and generally relating to the Maryland Science and Technology
13 Scholarship Program.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Education

1 Section ~~18-2002~~ and ~~18-2007~~ 18-2002(a)
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

6 **Article - Education**

7 18-2002.

8 (a) There is a program of Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships in
9 this State that are awarded under this subtitle. ~~{The}~~ ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN~~
10 ~~SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE~~ Administration shall annually select
11 ~~secondary school~~ students who have the greatest potential for academic success in
12 higher education and offer a scholarship to each student to be used at a Maryland
13 higher education institution of the student's choice, if the recipient meets the
14 following qualifications:

15 (1) Qualifies academically as follows:

16 (i) Has a secondary school transcript indicating an overall
17 academic grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent grade
18 point average in core curriculum courses after completion of the first semester of the
19 senior year;

20 (ii) Intends to enroll OR IS ENROLLED as a full-time student in an
21 academic program as designated by the Maryland Higher Education Commission;
22 and

23 (iii) Has graduated from a secondary school;

24 (2) Is a Maryland resident and was a Maryland resident at the time of
25 graduating from secondary school;

26 (3) Is accepted for admission in a regular undergraduate program at a
27 Maryland higher education institution in the State;

28 (4) Begins attending an eligible Maryland higher education institution
29 within [2] 5 years of completing [high] SECONDARY school or, failing to do so,
30 provides evidence satisfactory to the [State Scholarship] Administration of
31 extenuating circumstances;

32 (5) Agrees to the conditions provided in subsection ~~{(c)}~~ ~~{(d)}~~ of this
33 section; and

34 (6) Accepts any other conditions attached to the award and satisfies any
35 additional criteria the Commission may establish.

1 (b) (1) ~~THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE~~
2 ~~REMAINING FUNDS TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO:~~

3 (I) ~~ARE NOT CURRENTLY ATTENDING AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER~~
4 ~~EDUCATION;~~

5 (II) ~~HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED IN AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM AT A~~
6 ~~MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION AS DESIGNATED BY THE~~
7 ~~COMMISSION;~~

8 (III) ~~ARE MARYLAND RESIDENTS;~~

9 (IV) ~~AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF~~
10 ~~THIS SECTION; AND~~

11 (V) ~~ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD~~
12 ~~AND SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.~~

13 (2) ~~THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE~~
14 ~~REMAINING FUNDS TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO:~~

15 (I) ~~ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER~~
16 ~~EDUCATION IN THE STATE WHO HAVE THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR ACADEMIC~~
17 ~~SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION;~~

18 (II) ~~ARE CLOSEST TO DEGREE COMPLETION;~~

19 (III) ~~HAVE EARNED A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT~~
20 ~~LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS CALCULATED AND INDICATED ON A~~
21 ~~COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT AFTER THE LAST COMPLETED SEMESTER BEFORE THE~~
22 ~~APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED;~~

23 (IV) ~~ARE ENROLLED AS FULL TIME STUDENTS IN AN ACADEMIC~~
24 ~~PROGRAM AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION;~~

25 (V) ~~ARE MARYLAND RESIDENTS;~~

26 (VI) ~~AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF~~
27 ~~THIS SECTION; AND~~

28 (VII) ~~ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD~~
29 ~~AND SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THAT THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.~~

30 (C) (1) ~~The annual scholarship award shall be in the amount of \$1,000 for a~~
31 ~~student enrolled at a 2-year eligible institution or \$3,000 for a student enrolled at a~~
32 ~~4-year eligible institution.~~

33 (2) (1) ~~THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO A STUDENT WHO~~
34 ~~RECEIVES AN AWARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION.~~

1 (II) If accepted by the eligible student, each award may be renewed
2 on an annual basis for a maximum of 3 years after the original award if the recipient:

3 [(i)] 1. Remains a resident of the State;

4 [(ii)] 2. Attends a Maryland higher education institution in the
5 State;

6 [(iii)] 3. Is enrolled as a full time undergraduate student and
7 takes at least 12 semester hours of courses each semester or its equivalent as
8 determined by the Administration;

9 [(iv)] 4. Maintains a 3.0 grade point average on an academic year
10 basis or, failing to do so, provides evidence satisfactory to the Administration, of
11 extreme extenuating circumstances;

12 [(v)] 5. Is making satisfactory progress toward a degree as
13 determined by the institution; and

14 [(vi)] 6. Maintains the standards of the institution.

15 (3) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, each
16 recipient of a Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship who is enrolled in a
17 baccalaureate degree program may renew the annual award four times if the
18 recipient is enrolled in an undergraduate academic program that, as determined by
19 the institution, requires 5 years to complete.

20 (4) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, each
21 award may be renewed on an annual basis for a maximum of 2 years for students
22 enrolled in an associate degree program.

23 (5) A RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS
24 SECTION MAY NOT RENEW THE AWARD.

25 [(c)] (D) A recipient of an award made under this section shall receive the
26 award for each year indicated in which the recipient is eligible if:

27 (1) The recipient signs an agreement at the time of the initial award to:

28 (i) Commence employment in the State within 1 year after
29 completion of undergraduate studies for 1 year for each year that the scholarship was
30 awarded; and

31 (ii) Repay the State the amounts awarded under this subtitle as set
32 forth in § 18-112 of this title if the recipient does not:

33 1. Satisfy the degree requirements of the eligible academic
34 program or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle; and

35 2. Perform the service obligation for 1 year for each year that
36 the recipient has a scholarship awarded under this subtitle; and

1 (2) The service obligation begins after graduation and cannot be fulfilled
2 prior to graduation from an eligible institution.

3 ~~18-2007.~~

4 The ~~[State Scholarship] Administration shall [publicize]:~~

5 (1) ~~PUBLICIZE the availability of Maryland Science and Technology~~
6 ~~Scholarships; AND~~

7 (2) ~~ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF §~~
8 ~~18-2002(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR:~~

9 (1) ~~PUBLICIZING TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THE~~
10 ~~AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS REMAINING AFTER COMPLETING AWARDS TO ALL ELIGIBLE~~
11 ~~HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS;~~

12 (II) ~~DISTRIBUTING APPLICATIONS TO ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL~~
13 ~~GRADUATES AND STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN UNDERGRADUATE~~
14 ~~PROGRAMS IN THE STATE, AND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM THOSE GRADUATES~~
15 ~~AND STUDENTS;~~

16 (III) ~~RANKING AND MAKING AWARDS TO ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL~~
17 ~~GRADUATES AND ELIGIBLE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS; AND~~

18 (IV) ~~DISTRIBUTING REMAINING FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH §~~
19 ~~18-2002(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

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