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CHAPTER 410

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Nursing Scholarships - Awards**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum annual award and the maximum total
4 award for a nursing scholarship under the program of Economic Development
5 Student Assistance Grants; increasing the maximum annual award and the
6 maximum total award for an additional grant that may be awarded to nursing
7 scholarship recipients under the program; increasing the maximum award for a
8 nursing scholarship for certain nursing students; and generally relating to
9 nursing scholarships under the program of Economic Development Student
10 Assistance Grants.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Education
13 Section 18-706
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Education**

2 18-706.

3 (a) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (1) "Eligible organization" means an institution, including a licensed
5 hospital, nursing home, adult day care center, public health agency, home health
6 agency, or other organization authorized by the Secretary of Health and Mental
7 Hygiene.8 (2) "Eligible institution" means an institution of postsecondary
9 education:10 (i) Approved to operate by the Maryland Higher Education
11 Commission; and

12 (ii) That awards nursing degrees or diplomas.

13 (3) "Nursing shortage area" means a recognized area of nursing service
14 or specialization determined by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to be an
15 area where there exists a shortage of qualified nurses in eligible organizations.16 (4) "Nursing student" means a student enrolled in a postsecondary
17 nursing education degree or diploma program at an eligible institution.18 (5) "Service obligation" means employment as a nurse in a nursing
19 shortage area in an eligible organization.20 (b) (1) Economic Development Student Assistance Grants may be awarded
21 as scholarships for nursing students in nursing shortage areas.22 (2) (i) The nursing scholarship awarded under this section shall be in
23 the amount of tuition and fees not to exceed [\$2,400] ~~\$5,000~~ \$3,000 annually for a
24 full-time student or a prorated award according to the number of credit hours taken
25 by a part-time student.26 (ii) Each award shall be renewable on an annual basis up to a
27 maximum amount of [\$9,600] ~~\$20,000~~ \$12,000, if the recipient:

28 1. Remains a resident of this State;

29 2. Enrolls in an eligible institution;

30 3. Maintains a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0
31 scale or its equivalent; and32 4. Makes satisfactory progress toward the nursing degree or
33 diploma according to the standards of the eligible institution attended.

1 (3) (I) FOR A NURSING STUDENT ENROLLED IN A NURSING PROGRAM,
2 INCLUDING MANDATORY SUMMER ACADEMIC SESSIONS THAT ARE A REQUIRED
3 PART OF THE APPROVED CURRICULUM, THE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED
4 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF TUITION AND FEES NOT TO
5 EXCEED ~~\$7,500~~ \$4,500 PER CALENDAR YEAR.

6 (II) EACH AWARD SHALL BE RENEWABLE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS UP
7 TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ~~\$20,000~~ \$12,000, IF THE RECIPIENT:

8 1. REMAINS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

9 2. ENROLLS IN A NURSING PROGRAM AT AN ELIGIBLE
10 INSTITUTION;

11 3. MAINTAINS A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON
12 A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT; AND

13 4. MAKES SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD THE NURSING
14 DEGREE OR DIPLOMA ACCORDING TO THE STANDARDS OF THE ELIGIBLE
15 INSTITUTION ATTENDED.

16 (c) Each recipient of the nursing scholarship awarded under this section shall:

17 (1) Be a nursing student;

18 (2) Have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its
19 equivalent;

20 (3) Be selected by the Administration on a competitive basis from among
21 the qualified applicants based on academic criteria established by the Commission;
22 and

23 (4) Perform the service obligation.

24 (d) (1) Each recipient of a nursing scholarship awarded under this section
25 may be entitled, based on financial need, to an additional grant to meet living costs
26 not to exceed [~~\$2,400~~ ~~\$5,000~~ \$3,000] annually for a full-time student or a prorated
27 award according to the number of credit hours taken by a part-time student.

28 (2) Each additional grant shall be renewable on an annual basis up to a
29 maximum amount of [~~\$9,600~~ ~~\$20,000~~ \$12,000], if the recipient meets the requirements
30 for continuing the scholarship award under subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section.

31 (3) The Administration shall require a recipient of a nursing scholarship
32 who seeks an additional grant for living costs to provide information to the
33 Administration sufficient to assure that the student has a definite financial need.

34 (e) The Commission shall establish and publish rules and regulations to
35 administer the grants awarded under this section.

1 (f) Funds for the nursing scholarships awarded under this section shall be as
2 provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.

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