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-- Ways and Means/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegates D'Amato, R. Baker, Bozman, Cadden, Clagett, Conroy, Cryor, Goldwater, Hubers, James, V. Jones, Love, McKee, Parrott, Phillips, Proctor, Rosso, Rudolph, Shriver, Sophocleus, Turner, Rzepkowski, and Greenip Greenip, Carlson, Finifter, Howard, Marriott, Healey, Heller, and Bohanan**

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

Speaker.

CHAPTER 410

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Teaching Assistants - Eligibility for the Maryland**
3 **Teacher Scholarship Program**

4 FOR the purpose of making certain teaching assistants eligible for the Maryland
5 Teacher Scholarship program; *expanding the eligibility and renewability*
6 *requirements for the Maryland Teacher Scholarship to certain part-time*
7 *students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in teaching;* specifying the
8 amount for a certain scholarship award; and generally relating to eligibility
9 requirements for the Maryland Teacher Scholarship program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - Education

12 Section ~~18-2201, 18-2203, and 18-2205~~ 18-2203, 18-2205, and 18-2206

1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2001 Replacement Volume)

3 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
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5 Section 18-2201, 18-2202, and 18-2204
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8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
9 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

10 **Article - Education**

11 18-2201.

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

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

16 (c) (1) "Service obligation" means to teach full time in the State as a teacher
17 ~~OR BE EMPLOYED AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT~~ in a Maryland public elementary or
18 secondary school.

19 (2) "Service obligation" does not mean employment as {teaching
20 assistants,} volunteer service, paid fellowships, or internships.

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

23 18-2202.

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

27 18-2203.

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

31 (b) (1) [A] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A recipient of
32 the Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall:

33 [(1)] (I) Be a Maryland resident;

1 [(2)] (II) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, be accepted
2 for admission or currently enrolled at an eligible institution as a ~~full-time~~
3 ~~undergraduate student or a~~ full-time or part-time UNDERGRADUATE OR graduate
4 student pursuing a course of study or program in an academic discipline leading to a
5 Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

6 [(3)] (i) (III) 1. For a student currently enrolled in high school, have
7 earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent
8 in core curriculum courses at the time of application; or

9 [(ii)] 2. For a student currently enrolled as a full-time
10 undergraduate student, have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0
11 scale and have been making satisfactory progress toward a degree in an academic
12 discipline leading to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

13 [(4)] (IV) Sign a letter of intent to perform the service obligation upon
14 completion of the recipient's required studies;

15 [(5)] (V) Accept any other conditions attached to the award; and

16 [(6)] (VI) Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

17 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN
18 INDIVIDUAL WHO, AT THE TIME THE INDIVIDUAL IS SCHEDULED TO MATRICULATE
19 AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, WILL HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A TEACHING
20 ASSISTANT AT A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE FOR
21 AT LEAST 2 YEARS:

22 (I) MAY APPLY FOR A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP UNDER
23 THIS SUBTITLE; AND

24 (II) IS ELIGIBLE TO HOLD A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP AS
25 A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDENT.

26 (c) A recipient of the Maryland Teacher Scholarship may not hold a Maryland
27 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.

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

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

3 18-2204.

4 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the recipient of a
5 Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall repay the Commission the funds received as set
6 forth in § 18-112 of this title if the recipient does not:

7 (1) Satisfy the degree requirements of the eligible course of study or
8 program or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle;

9 (2) Perform the service obligation for 1 year for each year that the
10 recipient has a scholarship awarded under this subtitle; and

11 (3) Become professionally certified to teach in the State of Maryland
12 within the time period specified by the Commission in consultation with the
13 Maryland Department of Education.

14 (b) The Administration shall forgive a recipient of a Maryland Teacher
15 Scholarship for 2 years of an award if:

16 (1) The recipient has taken the teacher certification examination,
17 approved by the State Board of Education, in 2 consecutive years; and

18 (2) The recipient fails to pass the teacher certification examination
19 within the time period specified by the Commission in accordance with subsection
20 (a)(3) of this section.

21 18-2205.

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

23 (1) \$2,000 for [an] A FULL-TIME undergraduate student, OR \$1,000 FOR
24 A PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT, enrolled at a 2-year eligible institution;

25 (2) \$5,000 for a full-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in
26 a 4-year eligible institution; or

27 (3) \$2,500 for a part-time UNDERGRADUATE OR graduate student
28 enrolled at a 4-year eligible institution.

29 18-2206.

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

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

33 (2) Continues to be a full-time [student] or part-time undergraduate or
34 graduate student at an eligible institution as determined by the Administration;

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

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

7 (5) Maintains the standards of the institution.

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

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

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
16 effect June 1, 2002.