

HOUSE BILL 1438

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**ENROLLED BILL**

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

Introduced by **Delegate McHale**

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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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Speaker.

CHAPTER 418

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program -**  
3 **Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy  
5 Memorial Scholarship Program to include *certain* students attending a  
6 Maryland high school at the time of application or persons who graduated from  
7 a Maryland high school within a certain time period; *providing for the*  
8 *termination of this Act*; and generally relating to eligibility for the Edward T.  
9 Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Education  
12 Section 18-601  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Education**

4 18-601.

5 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (2) "Disabled public safety employee" means a State or local public safety  
7 employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:

8 (i) Precludes the individual from continuing to serve or be  
9 employed as a State or local public safety employee; and

10 (ii) In the case of a volunteer member of a fire department or  
11 ambulance or rescue company or squad, precludes the member from continuing to be  
12 employed in the nonpublic safety occupation in which the member is engaged at the  
13 time of the injury.

14 (3) "Surviving spouse" means a person who has not remarried.

15 (4) "State or local public safety employee" means a person who is:

16 (i) A career or volunteer member of a:

17 1. Fire department;

18 2. Ambulance company or squad; or

19 3. Rescue company or squad;

20 (ii) A law enforcement officer;

21 (iii) A correctional officer; or

22 (iv) A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a resident  
23 of this State at the time of death.

24 (5) "Victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks" means a  
25 Maryland resident who was killed as a result of the attacks on the World Trade  
26 Center in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the crash of  
27 United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

28 (b) There is a program of scholarships that are awarded under this section.

29 (c) The Program is the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

30 (d) A person may apply to the Office for a scholarship under this section if the  
31 person:

1 (1) ~~(A)~~ ~~Is~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

2 IS a resident of Maryland;

3 (II) ~~IS A STUDENT AT A MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL AT THE TIME OF~~  
4 ~~APPLICATION; OR~~

5 (III) ~~GRADUATED FROM A MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN 3~~  
6 ~~MONTHS OF APPLICATION;~~

7 (2) (i) Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular  
8 undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution; or

9 (ii) Is enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in which  
10 the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate  
11 program in an eligible institution; and

12 (3) (i) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a member of the  
13 armed forces who was a resident of this State at the time the parent:

14 1. Died or was totally and permanently disabled as a result  
15 of military service after December 7, 1941; or

16 2. Was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action,  
17 if that occurred on or after January 1, 1960 as a result of the Vietnam conflict, and if  
18 the child was born prior to or while the parent was a prisoner of war or missing in  
19 action;

20 (ii) Was a prisoner of war on or after January 1, 1960 as a result of  
21 the Vietnam conflict and was a resident of this State at the time the person was  
22 declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action;

23 (iii) 1. Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of any State  
24 or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty; or

25 2. Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public safety  
26 employee killed in the line of duty;

27 (iv) Is a disabled public safety employee;

28 (v) Is a veteran, as defined under § 9-901 of the State Government  
29 Article, who:

30 1. Suffers a service-related disability of 25% or greater; and

31 2. Has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans'  
32 educational benefits; or

33 (vi) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of or the surviving  
34 spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

1 (E) FOR A PERSON WHO GRADUATES FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE IN  
 2 2004, THAT PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(1) OF THIS SECTION  
 3 IF THE PERSON:

4 (1) IS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND;

5 (2) IS A STUDENT AT A MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL AT THE TIME OF  
 6 APPLICATION; OR

7 (3) GRADUATED FROM A MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN 3 MONTHS  
 8 OF APPLICATION.

9 ~~(E)~~ (F) A scholarship awarded under this section:

10 (1) May be used for the tuition and mandatory fees at any eligible  
 11 institution; and

12 (2) May not:

13 (i) Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a  
 14 resident undergraduate student at the 4-year public institution of higher education  
 15 within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland  
 16 University College and University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual  
 17 expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate; and

18 (ii) Be less than the lesser of:

19 1. \$3,000; or

20 2. The equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a  
 21 resident of the institution attended by the recipient of the scholarship.

22 ~~(F)~~ (G) (1) Each recipient of a scholarship under this section may hold the  
 23 award for 5 years of full-time study or 8 years of part-time study.

24 (2) The Office may not award more than 15 scholarships annually under  
 25 subsection (d)(3)(v) of this section.

26 (3) An award provided under subsection (d)(3)(vi) of this section may not  
 27 exceed the amount specified in subsection ~~(e)(2)~~ (F)(2) of this section when combined  
 28 with any other scholarship received by a student based on the student's status as a  
 29 child or spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

30 ~~(G)~~ (H) The Commission:

31 (1) May accept any gift or grant from any person for the Edward T.  
 32 Conroy Scholarship Fund;

33 (2) Shall use any gift or grant that it receives for a scholarship from the  
 34 Program; and

1                   (3)       Shall deposit any gift or grant that it receives for the Program with  
2 the State Treasurer in a nonbudgeted account.

3       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 10 years and, at the end of June  
5 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
6 abrogated and of no further force and effect.