

HOUSE BILL 487

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg and Kaiser**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program – Internships**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that certain students who attend certain institutions of
4 higher education and participate in certain internships with the State or local
5 governments in the State are eligible to receive funding under the Janet L.
6 Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program; prohibiting certain awards from
7 exceeding a certain amount; limiting the number of awards that the Office of
8 Student Financial Assistance may make to certain students; altering a certain
9 definition; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to funding under
10 the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program for certain students
11 who participate in certain internships.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Education
14 Section 18–1501 and 18–1502
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 18–1501.

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

22 (b) (1) “Eligible field of employment” means employment in the State by
23 an organization, institution, association, society, or corporation that is exempt from
24 taxation under § 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) “Eligible field of employment” includes [employment]:

2 (I) **EMPLOYMENT** by the State or any local government in the
3 State[, but]; AND

4 (II) **A PAID OR UNPAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP WITH THE**
5 **STATE OR ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE STATE FOR A STUDENT ENROLLED**
6 **IN A GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER**
7 **EDUCATION.**

8 (3) **“ELIGIBLE FIELD OF EMPLOYMENT”** does not include being
9 employed as a judicial clerk in any court.

10 (c) “Higher education loan” means any loan for undergraduate or graduate
11 study that is obtained for tuition, educational expenses, or living expenses from:

12 (1) A college or university, government, or commercial source; or

13 (2) An organization, institution, association, society, or corporation
14 that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of
15 1986.

16 (d) “Program” means the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment
17 Program.

18 18–1502.

19 (a) There is a program of loan assistance repayment known as the Janet L.
20 Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program in the State.

21 (b) The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall assist in the repayment
22 of the amount of any higher education loan owed by an individual who:

23 (1) (i) Receives a graduate, professional, or undergraduate degree
24 from:

25 1. A college or university in the State [of Maryland]; or

26 2. A school of law; or

27 (ii) Receives a Resident Teacher Certificate (RTC) from the
28 Department after completing an alternative teaching preparation program approved
29 by the State Superintendent;

30 (2) Obtains eligible employment;

1 (3) Receives an income that is less than the maximum eligible total
2 income levels established by the Office, including any additional sources of income;
3 and

4 (4) Satisfies any other criteria established by the Office.

5 (c) An applicant for assistance in the repayment of a commercial loan shall
6 demonstrate to the Office that the commercial loan was used for tuition, educational
7 expenses, or living expenses for graduate or undergraduate study.

8 **(D) (1) THE AMOUNT OF AN AWARD TO A STUDENT WHO OBTAINS**
9 **EMPLOYMENT IN AN ELIGIBLE FIELD OF EMPLOYMENT THROUGH A PAID OR**
10 **UNPAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION MAY NOT**
11 **EXCEED \$3,000.**

12 **(2) THE OFFICE MAY MAKE AWARDS TO NO MORE THAN 50**
13 **STUDENTS WHO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT IN AN ELIGIBLE FIELD OF EMPLOYMENT**
14 **THROUGH A PAID OR UNPAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS**
15 **SECTION.**

16 **[(d)] (E)** Assistance in the repayment of a loan from an entity set forth in §
17 18–1501(c)(2) of this subtitle shall require the approval of the Office.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2011.