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By: Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program – Eligibility

FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy
Memorial Scholarship Program to include certain persons who live outside the
State under certain circumstances; repealing a certain obsolete provision;
repealing a certain termination provision; and generally relating to eligibility
for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article Education
- 11 Section 18–601
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Chapter 418 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004
- 16 Section 2
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 19 Article Education

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. <u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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1	18–601.				
2	(a) (1)	In th	is section the following words have the meanings indicated.		
$\frac{3}{4}$	(2) "Disabled public safety employee" means a State or local public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:				
$5\\6$	employed as a Sta	(i) te or lo	Precludes the individual from continuing to serve or be ocal public safety employee; and		
7 8 9 10	(ii) In the case of a volunteer member of a fire department or ambulance or rescue company or squad, precludes the member from continuing to be employed in the nonpublic safety occupation in which the member is engaged at the time of the injury.				
11	(3)	"Surv	viving spouse" means a person who has not remarried.		
12	(4)	"Stat	e or local public safety employee" means a person who is:		
13		(i)	A career or volunteer member of a:		
14			1. Fire department;		
15			2. Ambulance company or squad; or		
16			3. Rescue company or squad;		
17		(ii)	A law enforcement officer;		
18		(iii)	A correctional officer; or		
19 20	resident of this St	(iv) ate at 1	A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a the time of death.		
21 22 23 24	(5) "Victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks" means a Maryland resident who was killed as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.				
$\begin{array}{c} 25\\ 26 \end{array}$	(b) There is a program of scholarships that are awarded by eligible postsecondary institutions under this section.				
27	(c) The Program is the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.				
$\frac{28}{29}$	(d) A person may apply to an eligible postsecondary institution for a scholarship under this section if the person:				

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(I) [Except as provided in item (3)(iii) of this subsection and 1 (1) $\mathbf{2}$ subsection (e) of this section, is] IS a resident of Maryland AT THE TIME OF 3 **APPLICATION; OR** WAS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND WHEN AN EVENT 4 **(II)** DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION OCCURRED; $\mathbf{5}$ 6 (2)Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular (i) 7undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution; or 8 (ii) Is enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in which 9 the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate 10 program in an eligible institution; and 11 Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a member of (3)(i) 12the armed forces who: Died as a result of military service after December 7, 131. 141941; 152.Suffered a service connected 100% permanent 16 disability after December 7, 1941; or 17Was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in 3. 18action, if that occurred on or after January 1, 1960, as a result of the Vietnam conflict, 19and if the child was born prior to or while the parent was a prisoner of war or missing 20in action; 21(ii) Was a prisoner of war or missing in action, if that occurred 22on or after January 1, 1960, as a result of the Vietnam conflict and was a resident of 23this State at the time the person was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in 24action: 25[A.] Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of (iii) 1. 26any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty; or 27[B.] **2**. Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public 28safety employee killed in the line of duty; and 292.Is a resident of any state;] 30 (iv) Is a disabled public safety employee; 1. 312.Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a 32disabled public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that renders 33 the public safety employee 100% disabled; or

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$egin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array}$	3. Is the surviving spouse of a disabled public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that renders the public safety employee 100% disabled;			
4 5	(v) Is a veteran, as defined under § 9–901 of the State Government Article, who:			
$rac{6}{7}$	greater; and	1. Suffers a service connected disability of 25% or		
$\frac{8}{9}$	veterans' educatio	2. Has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal nal benefits; or		
10 11	surviving spouse of	(vi) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of or the of a victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.		
$\begin{array}{c} 12\\ 13 \end{array}$	[(e) For a person who graduates from a high school in this State in 2004, that person shall be eligible under subsection (d)(1) of this section if the person:			
14	(1)	Is a resident of Maryland;		
15 16	(2) or	Is a student at a Maryland high school at the time of application;		
17 18	(3) application.]	Graduated from a Maryland high school within 3 months of		
19	[(f)] (E)	A scholarship awarded under this section:		
$\begin{array}{c} 20\\ 21 \end{array}$	(1) institution; and	May be used for the tuition and mandatory fees at any eligible		
22	(2)	May not:		
23 24 25 26 27	(i) Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a resident undergraduate student at the 4-year public institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland University College and University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate; and			
28		(ii) Be less than the lesser of:		
29		1. \$3,000; or		
$\begin{array}{c} 30\\ 31 \end{array}$	a resident of the in	2. The equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of nstitution attended by the recipient of the scholarship.		

1 **[(g)] (F)** (1) Each postsecondary institution shall determine the 2 eligibility of persons who apply to the institution for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial 3 Scholarship Program.

4 (2) Funds for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program 5 shall be allocated by the Commission to each postsecondary institution based on the 6 number of eligible recipients attending each institution.

- 7 (3) In October and February of each year, each postsecondary
 8 institution shall report to the Commission the number of eligible recipients attending
 9 the institution.
- 10 (4) The Commission shall allocate funds for awards to postsecondary 11 institutions upon verification of eligible recipients attending the institutions.

12 (5) If funds cannot be allocated in the fiscal year in which awards are 13 made, priority shall be given to allocating funds for those awards in the following 14 fiscal year.

15 [(h)] (G) (1) Each recipient of a scholarship under this section may hold 16 the award for 5 years of full-time study or 8 years of part-time study.

17 (2) The number of eligible recipients under subsection (d)(3)(v) of this 18 section shall be limited to 15 each year.

19 (3) An award provided under subsection (d)(3)(vi) of this section may 20 not exceed the amount specified in subsection [(f)(2)] (E)(2) of this section when 21 combined with any other scholarship received by a student based on the student's 22 status as a child or spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

- 23 **[**(i)**] (H)** The Commission:
- (1) May accept any gift or grant from any person for the Edward T.
 Conroy Scholarship Fund;

26 (2) Shall use any gift or grant that it receives for a scholarship from 27 the Program; and

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

30 Chapter 418 of the Acts of 2004

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 32 July 1, 2004. [It shall remain effective for a period of 10 years and, at the end of June 33 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be 34 abrogated and of no further force and effect.] 1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 2 July 1, 2011.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.