

Chapter 340

(House Bill 487)

AN ACT concerning

~~Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment~~ Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program – Internships

FOR the purpose of providing that certain students who ~~attend certain institutions of higher education and participate in certain internships with the State or local governments~~ that assist in providing certain legal services in the State are eligible to receive funding under the ~~Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment~~ Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program; ~~prohibiting certain awards from exceeding a certain amount; limiting the number of awards that the Office of Student Financial Assistance may make to certain students; altering a certain definition; making a stylistic change;~~ and generally relating to funding under the ~~Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment~~ Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program for certain students who participate in certain internships.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section ~~18-1501 and 18-1502~~ 18-1702
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

18-1702.

- (a) There is a scholarship program known as the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program in the State.
- (b) The purpose of the Program is to assist college and graduate students to explore public service career opportunities through summer internships.
- (c) The Shriver Center shall administer the Program.
- (d) On or before January 1 of each year, an institution of higher education in the State may nominate eligible students to participate in the Program.

(e) Priority for participation in the Program shall be given to an eligible student who:

(1) Is a resident of the State;

(2) Has demonstrated an interest in a career in public service; and

(3) Assists in providing:

(i) Legal services:

1. [to] TO low-income residents in the State who cannot afford legal services; OR

2. IN A PUBLIC SERVICE POSITION;

(ii) Social work services to low-income residents in the State;

(iii) Nursing services in nursing shortage areas in the State as defined in § 18-802 of this title; or

(iv) Other services in the public or nonprofit sectors in which there is a shortage of qualified practitioners to low-income or underserved residents or areas of the State.

(f) (1) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, on or before May 1 of each year, the Shriver Center shall award scholarships to eligible students who have agreed to serve in a public service summer internship.

(2) The Shriver Center shall award no more than:

(i) 75 scholarships for the summer of 2008; and

(ii) 100 scholarships for the summer of 2009.

(3) Funds for the scholarships awarded under this subtitle shall be as provided in the State budget.

(g) Subject to the availability of funds, the scholarship award under the Program shall be \$3,000.

(h) The Shriver Center shall serve as a clearinghouse for public and nonprofit entities who wish to hire public service summer interns participating in the Program.

~~18-1501.~~

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

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

~~(2) "Eligible field of employment" includes [employment];~~

~~(i) EMPLOYMENT by the State or any local government in the State[, but]; AND~~

~~(ii) A PAID OR UNPAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP WITH THE STATE OR ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE STATE FOR A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.~~

~~(3) "ELIGIBLE FIELD OF EMPLOYMENT" does not include being employed as a judicial clerk in any court.~~

~~(c) "Higher education loan" means any loan for undergraduate or graduate study that is obtained for tuition, educational expenses, or living expenses from:~~

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

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

~~(d) "Program" means the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program.~~

~~18-1502.~~

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

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

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

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

~~2. A school of law; or~~

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

~~(2) Obtains eligible employment;~~

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

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

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

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

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

~~[(d)] (E) Assistance in the repayment of a loan from an entity set forth in § 18-1501(e)(2) of this subtitle shall require the approval of the Office.~~

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

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.