

SENATE BILL 889

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award and Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service**
3 **Summer Internship Scholarship – Qualifications**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to assist in
5 the repayment of certain higher education loans owed by certain recipients of a
6 Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award who receive certain degrees from certain
7 institutions of higher education in the State or outside the State; altering a
8 certain definition to authorize a certain student attending an institution of
9 higher education outside the State to qualify for a Walter Sondheim Jr. Public
10 Service Summer Internship Scholarship; altering certain qualifications for
11 eligibility for a Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship
12 Scholarship; and generally relating to the Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award and
13 the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship
14 Program.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Education
17 Section 18–1502, 18–1701, and 18–1702
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Education**

23 18–1502.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

6 2. A school of law; or

7 **3. FOR A RECIPIENT OF THE NANCY GRASMICK**
8 **TEACHER AWARD, A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER**
9 **EDUCATION IN THE STATE OR OUTSIDE THE STATE THAT POSSESSES A**
10 **CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE APPROPRIATE HIGHER EDUCATION**
11 **AUTHORITY IN THAT STATE; OR**

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

15 (2) Obtains eligible employment;

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

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

20 (c) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the Office shall
21 assist in the repayment of the amount of any higher education loan owed by a public
22 school teacher in the State who:

23 (1) Has taught in Maryland for at least 2 years:

24 (i) In science, technology, engineering, or math subjects; or

25 (ii) In a school in which at least 75% of the students are enrolled
26 in the free and reduced lunch program in the State for 2 years; and

27 (2) Has received the highest performance evaluation rating for the
28 most recent year available in the county in which the teacher taught (the grant to be
29 known as the Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award).

30 (d) A recipient of a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award shall be known as a
31 Nancy Grasmick Teacher Scholar.

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

4 (f) Assistance in the repayment of a loan from an entity set forth in §
5 18–1501(c)(2) of this subtitle shall require the approval of the Office.

6 18–1701.

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

8 (b) “Eligible student” means a:

9 (1) [junior] **JUNIOR**, senior, or graduate student who attends an
10 institution of higher education in the State; **OR**

11 (2) **JUNIOR, SENIOR, OR GRADUATE STUDENT WHO ATTENDS AN**
12 **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE STATE, IF THE STUDENT**
13 **GRADUATED FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE.**

14 (c) “Program” means the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer
15 Internship Scholarship Program.

16 (d) “Shriver Center” means the Shriver Center located at the University of
17 Maryland, Baltimore County.

18 (e) “Summer internship” means a paid or unpaid summer internship in the
19 State with:

20 (1) An organization, institution, association, society, or corporation
21 that:

22 (i) Is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) or (4) of the
23 Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

24 (ii) Affords the student the opportunity to participate in and
25 support management functions, including board governance, executive leadership,
26 financial management, human resources, fundraising, or facilities management; or

27 (2) The State or any local government in the State.

28 18–1702.

29 (a) There is a scholarship program known as the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public
30 Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program in the State.

1 (b) The purpose of the Program is to assist college and graduate students to
2 explore public service career opportunities through summer internships.

3 (c) The Shriver Center shall administer the Program.

4 (d) On or before January 1 of each year, an institution of higher education in
5 **OR OUTSIDE** the State may nominate eligible students to participate in the Program.

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

8 (1) Is a resident of the State;

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

10 (3) Assists in providing:

11 (i) Legal services:

12 1. To low-income residents in the State who cannot
13 afford legal services; or

14 2. In a public service position;

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (ii) 100 scholarships for the summer of 2009.

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

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

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

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 July 1, 2013.