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By: **Delegate Glenn**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Hattie N. Harrison Memorial Scholarship – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the workforce shortage fields eligible for a Workforce Shortage  
4 Student Assistance grant to include school counselors under certain circumstances;  
5 naming a certain grant to be the Hattie N. Harrison Memorial Scholarship; and  
6 generally relating to the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grants program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Education

9 Section 18–708(b) through (d)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Education

14 Section 18–708(e)(5)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Education**

20 18–708.

21 (b) There is a program of Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grants under  
22 this section for students who pledge to work in fields of critical shortage in the State on  
23 completion of their studies.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) The purpose of the program is to:

2 (1) Provide financial assistance to students enrolled at institutions of  
3 higher education in the State; and

4 (2) Address the workforce shortage needs of the State.

5 (d) A recipient of a Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grant under this  
6 section shall:

7 (1) Be a resident of the State;

8 (2) Be selected by the Office from qualified applicants;

9 (3) Sign a letter of intent to enroll at an eligible institution in the State in  
10 an eligible program as specified for each field in which there is a critical shortage in this  
11 State as provided in this section;

12 (4) Sign a letter of intent to perform the service obligation on completion of  
13 the recipient's required studies;

14 (5) Accept any other conditions attached to the grant;

15 (6) Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish; and

16 (7) After completion of studies in an eligible program, perform the service  
17 obligation as specified for each field in which there is a critical shortage, as provided in this  
18 section.

19 (e) (5) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the  
20 following workforce shortage fields shall be included in the grant program:

21 1. School teachers (the grant to be known as the Sharon  
22 Christa McAuliffe Memorial Teacher Scholarship);

23 2. Social workers (the grant to be known as the Ruth M. Kirk  
24 Public Social Work Scholarship);

25 **3. SCHOOL COUNSELORS (THE GRANT TO BE KNOWN AS**  
26 **THE HATTIE N. HARRISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP);**

27 [3.] **4. Nurses;**

28 [4.] **5. Child care providers;**

1                                   **[5.] 6.** Developmental disabilities, mental health, child welfare,  
2 and juvenile justice providers (the grant to be known as the Ida G. and L. Leonard Ruben  
3 Scholarships);

4                                   **[6.] 7.** Physical and occupational therapists and assistants; and

5                                   **[7.] 8.** Public servants (the grant to be known as the William  
6 Donald Schaefer Scholarship and the grant to be known as the Parren J. Mitchell Public  
7 Service Scholarship).

8                                   (ii) The Commission may remove a shortage field specified in  
9 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph if in the Commission's judgment the field no longer  
10 qualifies as a workforce shortage field.

11                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2015.