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By: **Delegate O'Donnell**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Edward T. Conroy and Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Programs –**  
3 **Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy and Jean  
5 B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Programs to include the stepchildren of certain  
6 individuals; and generally relating to eligibility for certain memorial scholarship  
7 programs.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Education  
10 Section 18–601(c) and (e)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Education  
15 Section 18–601(d)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)  
18 (As enacted by Chapter 395 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 18–601.

23 (c) (1) The program for military and public safety personnel and their eligible  
24 dependents is the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (2)    The program for eligible dependents of public and nonpublic school  
2 employees is the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program.

3           (d)    A person may apply to an eligible postsecondary institution for a scholarship  
4 under this section if the person:

5                   (1)    (i)    Is a resident of Maryland at the time of application; or

6                               (ii)   Was a resident of Maryland when an event described in  
7 paragraph (3) of this subsection occurred;

8                   (2)    (i)    Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular  
9 undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution; or

10                               (ii)   Is enrolled in a 2–year terminal certificate program in which the  
11 course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate program in an  
12 eligible institution; and

13                   (3)    (i)    Is at least 16 years old and a son [or], daughter, **STEPSON, OR**  
14 **STEPDAUGHTER** of a member of the armed forces who:

15                               1.    Died as a result of military service after December 7, 1941;

16                               2.    Suffered a service connected 100% permanent disability  
17 after December 7, 1941; or

18                               3.    Was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action,  
19 if that occurred on or after January 1, 1960, as a result of the Vietnam conflict, and if the  
20 child was born prior to or while the parent was a prisoner of war or missing in action;

21                               (ii)   Was a prisoner of war or missing in action, if that occurred on or  
22 after January 1, 1960, as a result of the Vietnam conflict and was a resident of this State  
23 at the time the person was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action;

24                               (iii)  1.    Is at least 16 years old and a son [or], daughter, **STEPSON,**  
25 **OR STEPDAUGHTER** of any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty;  
26 or

27                               2.    Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public safety  
28 employee killed in the line of duty;

29                               (iv)  1.    Is a disabled public safety employee;

1                                   2.     Is at least 16 years old and a son [or], daughter, **STEPSON,**  
2 **OR STEPDAUGHTER** of a disabled public safety employee who sustains an injury in the  
3 line of duty that renders the public safety employee 100% disabled; or

4                                   3.     Is the surviving spouse of a disabled public safety  
5 employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that renders the public safety employee  
6 100% disabled;

7                                   (v)    Is a veteran, as defined under § 9-901 of the State Government  
8 Article, who:

9                                   1.     Suffers a service connected disability of 25% or greater;  
10 and

11                                  2.     Has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans'  
12 educational benefits;

13                                  (vi)   Is the surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who  
14 suffered a service connected 100% permanent disability;

15                                  (vii)  Is at least 16 years old and a son [or], daughter, **STEPSON, OR**  
16 **STEPDAUGHTER** of or the surviving spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist  
17 attacks;

18                                  (viii) Is at least 16 years old and a son [or], daughter, **STEPSON, OR**  
19 **STEPDAUGHTER** of a school employee who, as a result of an act of violence:

20                                   1.     Died in the line of duty; or

21                                   2.     Sustained an injury in the line of duty that rendered the  
22 school employee 100% disabled; or

23                                  (ix)   Is the surviving spouse of a school employee who, as a result of  
24 an act of violence:

25                                   1.     Died in the line of duty; or

26                                   2.     Sustained an injury in the line of duty that rendered the  
27 school employee 100% disabled.

28                   (e)    A scholarship awarded under this section:

29                                  (1)    May be used for the tuition and mandatory fees at any eligible  
30 institution; and

31                                  (2)    May not:

1 (i) Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a  
2 resident undergraduate student at the 4-year public institution of higher education within  
3 the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland University  
4 College and University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual expenses for a  
5 full-time resident undergraduate; and

6 (ii) Be less than the lesser of:

7 1. \$3,000; or

8 2. The equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a  
9 resident of the institution attended by the recipient of the scholarship.

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