SENATE BILL 865

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By: **Senator Peters**
Introduced and read first time: February 26, 2015
Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy and Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Programs – Eligibility

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–601(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Article – Education

18–601.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Died in the line of duty; or

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

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

1. Died in the line of duty; or

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

(e) A scholarship awarded under this section:

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

(2) May not:

(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

(ii) Be less than the lesser of:

1. $3,000; or

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

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