

HOUSE BILL 93

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2019

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program – Repeal**
3 **of Award Cap**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the cap on the amount that will be awarded for a scholarship
5 under the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program; and
6 generally relating to the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship
7 Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 18–1702
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 18–1702.

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

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

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

22 (d) An institution of higher education in the State may nominate eligible students
23 to participate in the Program on or before:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) January 1 of each year for summer and fall internships; and

2 (2) October 1 of each year for spring internships.

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

5 (1) Is a resident of the State;

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

7 (3) Assists in providing:

8 (i) Legal services:

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

11 2. In a public service position;

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

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

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

18 (f) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, for eligible students who
19 have agreed to serve in a public service internship, the Shriver Center shall award
20 scholarships on or before:

21 (i) January 15 of each year for spring internships;

22 (ii) May 1 of each year for summer internships; and

23 (iii) August 1 of each year for fall internships.

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

26 (g) Subject to the availability of funds, the scholarship award under the Program
27 shall be at least \$2,000 [and no more than \$3,000].

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

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2019.