

HOUSE BILL 529

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By: **Delegate Crosby**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program – Veterans –**
3 **Number of Eligible Recipients**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a limit on the number of veterans who are eligible to receive
5 a scholarship under the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship
6 Program; and generally relating to the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial
7 Scholarship Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 18–601(b), (c)(1), and (d)(1) and (2)(iii)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Education
15 Section 18–601(g)(2)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 18–601.

22 (b) There is a program of scholarships that are awarded by eligible postsecondary
23 institutions under this section.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (d) (1) A person may apply to an eligible postsecondary institution for a
4 scholarship under this section if the person:

5 (i) 1. Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular
6 undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution;

7 2. Is enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in
8 which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate
9 program in an eligible institution; or

10 3. Is enrolled in a private career school;

11 (ii) Is at least 16 years old; and

12 (iii) Meets the other eligibility criteria specified in this section.

13 (2) To apply for a scholarship under this section, the following persons are
14 required to be a resident of Maryland at the time of application or at the time of the
15 disabling or fatal event:

16 (iii) A veteran, as defined under § 9-901 of the State Government
17 Article, who:

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

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

22 (g) (2) The number of eligible recipients under subsection (d)(2)(iii) of this
23 section [shall be] **MAY NOT BE** limited [to 15 each year].

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
25 1, 2024.