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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Athletic Scholarship Recipients**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an institution of higher education to allow the recipients of
4 certain athletic scholarships who terminate enrollment prior to obtaining a degree
5 to reenroll, under certain circumstances, and, upon reenrollment, topay certain of
6 the individuals' costs of education; placing certain limitations on the amount of the
7 financial assistance to which such former athletes are entitled and on the time
8 period during which such assistance may be made available; and generally relating
9 to the granting of financial assistance to certain former athletic scholarship
10 recipients who reenroll in certain institutions of higher education under certain
11 circumstances.

12 BY adding to

13 Article - Education
14 Section 18-111
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Education**

20 18-111.

21 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ANY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ATTENDING
22 A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE WHO DURING AT
23 LEAST 3 ACADEMIC YEARS AT THE INSTITUTION IS THE RECIPIENT OF AN ATHLETIC
24 SCHOLARSHIP OR GRANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPORT OR ACTIVITY SANCTIONED
25 BY THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

26 (B) (1) A STUDENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION WHO
27 TERMINATES ENROLLMENT WHILE IN GOOD STANDING AT THE INSTITUTION OF
28 HIGHER EDUCATION BEFORE COMPLETING THE INSTITUTION'S DEGREE
29 REQUIREMENTS, AND WHO DURING THE PERIOD FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF
30 ENROLLMENT, DOES NOT ENGAGE IN BEHAVIOR THAT OTHERWISE WOULD
31 PRECLUDE THE STUDENT'S READMISSION TO THE INSTITUTION, SHALL:

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1 (I) FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS AFTER TERMINATING
2 ENROLLMENT, BE REINSTATED AS A REGULAR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STUDENT
3 AT THE INSTITUTION; AND

4 (II) RECEIVE FINANCIAL CREDIT FROM THE INSTITUTION IN AN
5 AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE LESSER OF THE TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES OF
6 A RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AT THE INSTITUTION FOR 2 ACADEMIC
7 YEARS OR THE AMOUNT NEEDED TO PAY FOR THE ACADEMIC CREDITS NECESSARY
8 TO COMPLETE THE STUDENT'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS.

9 (2) FOLLOWING READMISSION TO THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
10 EDUCATION, A STUDENT MAY RECEIVE FINANCIAL CREDIT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)
11 OF THIS SUBSECTION DURING:

12 (I) NO MORE THAN 4 ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC YEARS; AND

13 (II) ONLY DURING THE PERIOD ENCOMPASSED BY THE 5
14 ACADEMIC YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING READMISSION.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 1996.