
By: The President (Administration) and Senators Currie, Hollinger, and Blount

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Maryland HOPE Scholarships**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland HOPE Scholarship Program for certain
4 students; providing for the awarding of Maryland HOPE Scholarships; establishing
5 the requirements for receiving a Maryland HOPE Scholarship; requiring the State
6 Scholarship Administration to send each Senator and Delegate certain information;
7 providing for the funding of the Maryland HOPE Scholarships; providing for the
8 effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland HOPE
9 Scholarships.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Education
12 Section 18-1901 through 18-1908, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle
13 19. Maryland HOPE Scholarships"
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1997 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article - Education**

19 SUBTITLE 19. MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS.

20 18-1901.

21 (A) THERE IS A PROGRAM OF MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS IN THIS
22 STATE THAT ARE AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

23 (B) IN THIS SUBTITLE, "REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM" MEANS AN
24 ACADEMIC PROGRAM OF STUDY IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT OR
25 BELOW THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL LEADING TO EITHER A CERTIFICATE,
26 NURSING DIPLOMA, ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE, OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

27 18-1902.

28 THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF MARYLAND
29 HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS.

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1 18-1903.

2 (A) EXCEPT FOR A DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD UNDER § 18-1101 OF
3 THIS TITLE, THE RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP MAY NOT HOLD
4 ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS TITLE.

5 (B) EACH RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP SHALL:

6 (1) BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION IN THE REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE
7 PROGRAM AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IN THE STATE OR BE ENROLLED IN A
8 2-YEAR ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE STATE AND IN WHICH THE COURSE
9 WORK IS ACCEPTABLE FOR TRANSFER CREDIT FOR AN ACCREDITED
10 BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION;

11 (2) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

12 (3) EARN A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON
13 A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN CORE CURRICULUM COURSES AS CALCULATED
14 AND INDICATED ON THE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AFTER THE FIRST SEMESTER
15 OF THE SENIOR YEAR FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE;

16 (4) BEGIN COLLEGE WITHIN 1 YEAR OF COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL OR,
17 FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDE EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE ADMINISTRATION
18 OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

19 (5) BE UNDER THE AGE OF 22 YEARS AT THE TIME OF RECEIVING THE
20 FIRST AWARD;

21 (6) HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A COLLEGE PREPARATORY
22 PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOL;

23 (7) ENROLL IN COLLEGE AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT;

24 (8) HAVE AN ANNUAL TOTAL FAMILY INCOME OF \$60,000 OR BELOW;

25 (9) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD; AND

26 (10) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE MARYLAND HIGHER
27 EDUCATION COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.

28 18-1904.

29 THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL
30 BE EQUAL TO THE COST OF TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES FOR A FULL-TIME
31 UNDERGRADUATE NOT TO EXCEED THE EQUIVALENT EXPENSE FOR A FULL-TIME
32 UNDERGRADUATE IN-STATE STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AT
33 COLLEGE PARK AND A \$200 BOOK ALLOWANCE.

34 18-1905.

35 A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED AT:

36 (1) A DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE
37 STATE;

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1 (2) AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IN THE STATE WITH AN ASSOCIATE
2 DEGREE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES TRANSFER CREDIT FOR AN ACCREDITED
3 BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM; OR

4 (3) A HOSPITAL DIPLOMA SCHOOL IN THE STATE FOR TRAINING
5 REGISTERED NURSES IF THE CURRICULUM IS APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND
6 HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

7 18-1906.

8 (A) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 18-1903(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, EACH
9 RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP MAY HOLD THE AWARD FOR 4
10 YEARS IF THE RECIPIENT:

11 (1) CONTINUES TO BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

12 (2) CONTINUES TO BE A FULL-TIME STUDENT AT AN ELIGIBLE
13 INSTITUTION IN THE STATE AND TAKES AT LEAST 12 SEMESTER HOURS OF COURSES
14 EACH SEMESTER OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

15 (3) UPON COMPLETION OF THE FRESHMAN YEAR, HAS ACHIEVED A
16 CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE, AND
17 MAINTAINS THIS MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE THROUGHOUT
18 THE REMAINDER OF THE AWARD, OR FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDES EVIDENCE
19 SATISFACTORY TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

20 (4) IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE INSTITUTION, IS MAKING SATISFACTORY
21 PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE; AND

22 (5) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

23 (B) EACH RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS
24 ENROLLED IN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM AS PERMITTED IN THIS SUBTITLE
25 MAY HOLD THE AWARD FOR 3 YEARS IF THE SAME CONDITIONS OF SUBSECTION (A)
26 OF THIS SECTION ARE MET.

27 18-1907.

28 ON OR BEFORE MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SEND
29 EACH SENATOR AND EACH DELEGATE A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS IN EACH
30 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT TO WHOM MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED.

31 18-1908.

32 FUNDS FOR THE MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SHALL BE AS
33 PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
34 COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
36 July 1, 1997.