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ENROLLED BILL

-- *Ways and Means and Appropriations/Economic and Environmental Affairs* --

Introduced by **The Speaker (Administration) and Delegates Barve, Kopp, Bonsack, Bozman, C. Davis, Finifter, Howard, Marriott, McKee, C. Mitchell, Shriver, Workman, Crumlin, Walkup, W. Baker, Boston, E. Burns, Cadden, D. Davis, Dembrow, Doory, Franchot, Genn, Grosfeld, Harrison, Hecht, Heller, B. Hughes, Jones, Kagan, Krysiak, Love, Mandel, McIntosh, Menes, Miller, Moe, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Petzold, Pitkin, Preis, Proctor, Slade, Healey, and Turner**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships**

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

11 BY adding to

1 Article - Education
2 Section 18-2001 through ~~18-2008~~ 18-2007, inclusive, to be under the new
3 subtitle "Subtitle 20. Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships"
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

6 Preamble

7 WHEREAS, The Department of Business and Economic Development and key
8 members of the business community report that Maryland's businesses are
9 experiencing a shortage, or anticipate a shortage, of qualified applicants in the fields
10 of computer science, engineering, and technology; and

11 WHEREAS, A Maryland Higher Education Commission survey of over 2,500
12 employers in all regions of the State indicates that additional workers are needed in
13 these critical areas; and

14 WHEREAS, These fields of science and technology are among the highest
15 growth industries for the 21st Century; and

16 WHEREAS, An educated, well trained and highly skilled workforce is crucial to
17 economic development and job growth in this State as higher education and business
18 needs are closely linked; and

19 WHEREAS, It is an important role for the State to ensure that institutions of
20 higher education are producing graduates with skills needed by business; and

21 WHEREAS, This Science and Technology Scholarship Program intends to help
22 meet the State's economic development needs by rewarding students who work hard
23 in school, demonstrate their ability, and agree to use their training and skills to
24 become valued members of Maryland's workforce; now, therefore,

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

27 **Article - Education**

28 **SUBTITLE 20. MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS.**

29 18-2001.

30 IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

31 (1) "REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM" MEANS AN ACADEMIC
32 PROGRAM OF STUDY IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT OR BELOW THE
33 BACCALAUREATE LEVEL LEADING TO EITHER ~~A CERTIFICATE~~, AN ASSOCIATE'S
34 DEGREE OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

1 (2) (I) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE IN
2 AN OCCUPATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ELIGIBLE PROGRAM OF STUDY AS
3 DETERMINED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

4 (II) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" DOES NOT MEAN PAID STUDENT
5 INTERNSHIPS, PAID FELLOWSHIPS, OR VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

6 (III) "ADMINISTRATION" MEANS THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP
7 ADMINISTRATION AS DEFINED IN ~~SECTION 18-101(B)~~ § 18-101(B) OF THIS TITLE.

8 18-2002.

9 (A) THERE IS A PROGRAM OF MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
10 SCHOLARSHIPS IN THIS STATE THAT ARE AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE. THE
11 ADMINISTRATION SHALL ANNUALLY SELECT SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO
12 HAVE THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION
13 AND OFFER A SCHOLARSHIP TO EACH STUDENT TO BE USED AT A MARYLAND
14 HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THEIR CHOICE, IF THE RECIPIENT MEETS THE
15 FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

16 (1) QUALIFIES ACADEMICALLY AS FOLLOWS:

17 (I) HAS A SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT INDICATING AN
18 OVERALL ACADEMIC GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS
19 EQUIVALENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN CORE CURRICULUM COURSES AFTER
20 COMPLETION OF THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THE SENIOR YEAR;

21 (II) INTENDS TO ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN AN
22 ACADEMIC PROGRAM AS DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
23 COMMISSION; AND

24 (III) HAS GRADUATED FROM A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MARYLAND;

25 (2) IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

26 (3) IS ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION IN A REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE
27 PROGRAM AT A MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN THE STATE;

28 (4) BEGINS ATTENDING AN ELIGIBLE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
29 INSTITUTION WITHIN ~~1 YEAR~~ 2 YEARS OF COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL OR, FAILING
30 TO DO SO, PROVIDES EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP
31 ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

32 (5) AGREES TO THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS
33 SECTION; AND

34 (6) ACCEPTS ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD AND
35 SATISFIES ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.

1 (B) (1) THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF
2 \$1,000 FOR A STUDENT ENROLLED AT A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OR \$3,000 FOR
3 A STUDENT ENROLLED AT A 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

4 (2) IF ACCEPTED BY THE ELIGIBLE STUDENT, EACH AWARD MAY BE
5 RENEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR A MAXIMUM OF 3 YEARS AFTER THE ORIGINAL
6 AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT:

7 (I) REMAINS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

8 (II) ATTENDS A MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN
9 THE STATE;

10 (III) IS ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT
11 AND TAKES AT LEAST 12 SEMESTER HOURS OF COURSES EACH SEMESTER OR ITS
12 EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

13 (IV) MAINTAINS A 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON AN ACADEMIC
14 YEAR BASIS OR, FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDES EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE
15 ADMINISTRATION, OF EXTREME EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

16 (V) IS MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE AS
17 DETERMINED BY THE INSTITUTION; AND

18 (VI) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

19 (3) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
20 SUBSECTION, EACH RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
21 SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS ENROLLED IN A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM MAY
22 RENEW THE ANNUAL AWARD FOUR TIMES IF THE RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED IN AN
23 UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAM THAT, AS DETERMINED BY THE
24 INSTITUTION, REQUIRES 5 YEARS TO COMPLETE.

25 (4) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
26 SUBSECTION, EACH AWARD MAY BE RENEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR A
27 MAXIMUM OF 2 YEARS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ~~A CERTIFICATE OR AN~~
28 ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM.

29 (C) A RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD MADE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL RECEIVE
30 THE AWARD FOR EACH YEAR INDICATED IN WHICH THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE IF:

31 (1) THE RECIPIENT SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL
32 AWARD TO:

33 (I) COMMENCE EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE WITHIN 1 YEAR
34 AFTER COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR
35 THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED; AND

36 (II) REPAY THE STATE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED UNDER THIS
37 SUBTITLE AND SIMPLE INTEREST EQUAL TO THE PRIME RATE OF INTEREST PLUS 2

1 PERCENT CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PAYMENT OF THE GRANT
2 AWARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT
3 DOES NOT:

4 1. SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE
5 ACADEMIC PROGRAM OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS
6 SUBTITLE; AND

7 2. PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION FOR 1 YEAR FOR
8 EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS
9 SUBTITLE; AND

10 (2) THE SERVICE OBLIGATION BEGINS AFTER GRADUATION AND
11 CANNOT BE FULFILLED PRIOR TO GRADUATION FROM AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

12 18-2003.

13 A MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED FOR
14 TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT ANY ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

15 18-2004.

16 EACH YEAR AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND
17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND
18 ~~REGULATION~~ REGULATION, THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
19 ~~COMMISSION,~~ AND THE APPROPRIATE COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARDS AND
20 EVALUATING SUCH FACTORS AS HIGH ECONOMIC GROWTH AND THE NEEDS OF
21 MARYLAND'S SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY,
22 THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A LIST OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE FOR
23 THE MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

24 18-2005.

25 FUNDS FOR THE MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP
26 PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY
27 THE GOVERNOR.

28 18-2006.

29 ~~EXCEPT FOR A DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD UNDER § 18-1101 OF THIS~~
30 ~~ARTICLE, THE RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY~~
31 ~~SCHOLARSHIP MAY NOT HOLD ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS~~
32 ~~TITLE.~~

33 ~~18-2007.~~

34 ON OR BEFORE MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SEND EACH
35 SENATOR AND EACH DELEGATE A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS IN EACH LEGISLATIVE
36 DISTRICT TO WHOM MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE
37 AWARDED.

1 ~~48-2008.~~ 18-2007.

2 THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE
3 AVAILABILITY OF MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 July 1, 1998.