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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**

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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
12 Article - Education
13 Section 18-2001 through ~~18-2008~~ 18-2007, inclusive, to be under the new
14 subtitle "Subtitle 20. Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships"
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

1 Preamble

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 **Article - Education**

23 SUBTITLE 20. MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS.

24 18-2001.

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

26 (1) "REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM" MEANS AN ACADEMIC
27 PROGRAM OF STUDY IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT OR BELOW THE
28 BACCALAUREATE LEVEL LEADING TO EITHER A CERTIFICATE, ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE
29 OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

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

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

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

3 18-2002.

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

11 (1) QUALIFIES ACADEMICALLY AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

20 (2) IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

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

23 (4) BEGINS ATTENDING AN ELIGIBLE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
24 INSTITUTION WITHIN 1 YEAR OF COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL OR, FAILING TO DO SO,
25 PROVIDES EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION
26 OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

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

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

31 (B) (1) THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF
32 \$1,000 FOR A STUDENT ENROLLED AT A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OR \$3,000 FOR
33 A STUDENT ENROLLED AT A 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

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

- 1 (I) REMAINS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;
- 2 (II) ATTENDS A MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN
3 THE STATE;
- 4 (III) IS ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT
5 AND TAKES AT LEAST 12 SEMESTER HOURS OF COURSES EACH SEMESTER OR ITS
6 EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;
- 7 (IV) MAINTAINS A 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON AN ACADEMIC
8 YEAR BASIS OR, FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDES EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE
9 ADMINISTRATION, OF EXTREME EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;
- 10 (V) IS MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE AS
11 DETERMINED BY THE INSTITUTION; AND
- 12 (VI) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

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

19 (4) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
20 SUBSECTION, EACH AWARD MAY BE RENEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR A
21 MAXIMUM OF 2 YEARS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A CERTIFICATE OR AN
22 ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM.

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

25 (1) THE RECIPIENT SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL
26 AWARD TO:

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

30 (II) REPAY THE STATE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED UNDER THIS
31 SUBTITLE AND SIMPLE INTEREST EQUAL TO THE PRIME RATE OF INTEREST PLUS 2
32 PERCENT CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PAYMENT OF THE GRANT
33 AWARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT
34 DOES NOT:

35 1. SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE
36 ACADEMIC PROGRAM OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS
37 SUBTITLE; AND

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

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

6 18-2003.

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

9 18-2004.

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

18 18-2005.

19 FUNDS FOR THE MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP
20 PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY
21 THE GOVERNOR.

22 18-2006.

23 ~~EXCEPT FOR A DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD UNDER § 18-1101 OF THIS~~
24 ~~ARTICLE, THE RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY~~
25 ~~SCHOLARSHIP MAY NOT HOLD ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS~~
26 ~~TITLE.~~

27 ~~18-2007.~~

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

32 ~~18-2008.~~ 18-2007.

33 THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE
34 AVAILABILITY OF MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS.

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

