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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Scholarship Program for Prospective Teachers**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Scholarship Program for Prospective Teachers to be
4 awarded by the State Scholarship Administration to certain individuals based
5 on certain criteria; establishing the requirements for receiving and maintaining
6 a scholarship under the Scholarship Program for Prospective Teachers;
7 establishing certain criteria for awarding additional scholarship amounts;
8 providing for the repayment of the scholarship under certain circumstances;
9 defining a certain term; and generally relating to a Scholarship Program for
10 Prospective Teachers to be awarded by the State Scholarship Administration.

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Education

13 Section 18-708

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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 18-708.

20 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "AT-RISK CHILDREN" MEANS CHILDREN AT RISK OF
21 ACADEMIC FAILURE DUE TO POVERTY OR LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY.

22 (B) THERE IS A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS, TO BE
23 AWARDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO INDIVIDUALS COMMITTED TO TEACHING IN
24 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE, FOR USE AT ACCREDITED PRIVATE OR PUBLIC
25 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

26 (C) EACH RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION
27 SHALL:

1 (1) (I) HAVE COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL WITH AN OVERALL
2 ACADEMIC AVERAGE OF AT LEAST A C+ OR 75% OR AN EQUIVALENT GRADE POINT
3 AVERAGE; OR

4 (II) HAVE FINISHED IN THE TOP 25% OF THE RECIPIENT'S HIGH
5 SCHOOL CLASS; AND

6 (2) BE A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND AT THE TIME THE SCHOLARSHIP IS
7 AWARDED.

8 (D) A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION:

9 (1) MAY BE USED FOR THE TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT AN
10 ACCREDITED PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE
11 STATE;

12 (2) MAY NOT EXCEED THE EQUIVALENT ANNUAL TUITION AND
13 MANDATORY FEES OF A FULL-TIME RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AT THE
14 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK; AND

15 (3) MAY BE HELD AS LONG AS THE RECIPIENT:

16 (I) MAINTAINS AN OVERALL ACADEMIC AVERAGE OF AT LEAST A
17 C+ OR 75% OR AN EQUIVALENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE; AND

18 (II) MAINTAINS AT LEAST A B AVERAGE OR AN EQUIVALENT GRADE
19 POINT AVERAGE IN EDUCATION COURSES AFTER COMPLETION OF THE SOPHOMORE
20 YEAR.

21 (E) FOLLOWING GRADUATION THE RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED
22 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL TEACH IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE FOR A
23 PERIOD OF AT LEAST 3 YEARS.

24 (F) (1) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS
25 SUBSECTION, A RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL RECEIVE AN
26 ADDITIONAL \$1,000 FOR EACH YEAR IN WHICH THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE IF THE
27 RECIPIENT SIGNS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE STATE
28 BOARD OF EDUCATION TO TEACH IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE WITH A HIGH
29 CONCENTRATION OF AT-RISK CHILDREN, AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE BOARD,
30 FOR 3 YEARS.

31 (2) IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS IN
32 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED
33 SHALL BE DEEMED A LOAN TO BE REPAYED TO THE STATE BASED ON REPAYMENT
34 TERMS ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

35 (3) THE ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS
36 SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED THE COST OF ATTENDANCE AS DEFINED IN
37 PARAGRAPH (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

1 (G) (1) IF THE RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS
2 SECTION DOES NOT TEACH IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE FOR 3 YEARS, THE
3 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED SHALL BE DEEMED A LOAN TO BE REPAYED TO THE STATE
4 BASED ON REPAYMENT TERMS ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

5 (2) IF THE RECIPIENT TEACHES FOR ONLY A PORTION OF THE 3 YEARS,
6 THE STATE SHALL PRORATE THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO REFLECT THE TIME
7 THAT THE RECIPIENT TAUGHT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE AND THE
8 REMAINING PORTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED SHALL BE DEEMED A LOAN
9 TO BE REPAYED TO THE STATE BASED ON REPAYMENT TERMS ESTABLISHED BY THE
10 ADMINISTRATION.

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