

SENATE BILL 174

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ENROLLED BILL

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

Introduced by **The President (Administration) and Senators Blount, Hoffman, Hollinger, Ruben, Lawlah, Collins, Dyson, Frosh, Pinsky, Sfikas, Boozer, Currie, McFadden, Middleton, Munson, Neall, Madden, Conway, Della, Derr, Dorman, Forehand, Fry, Green, Hafer, Hughes, Jimeno, Kelley, Middlebrooks, Roesser, Stone, ~~and Trotter~~ Trotter, and Hogan**

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.

President.

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

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

5 Preamble

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 **Article - Education**

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

28 18-2001.

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

30 (1) "REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM" MEANS AN ACADEMIC
31 PROGRAM OF STUDY IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT OR BELOW THE
32 BACCALAUREATE LEVEL LEADING TO EITHER ~~A CERTIFICATE,~~ AN ASSOCIATE'S
33 DEGREE OR A 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
 12 ~~SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS INDIVIDUALS~~ WHO HAVE THE GREATEST
 13 POTENTIAL FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND OFFER A
 14 SCHOLARSHIP TO EACH ~~STUDENT INDIVIDUAL~~ STUDENT SELECTED TO BE USED AT
 15 A MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THEIR CHOICE, IF THE
 16 ~~RECIPIENT INDIVIDUAL~~ RECIPIENT MEETS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

17 (1) QUALIFIES ACADEMICALLY AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

25 (III) HAS GRADUATED FROM A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MARYLAND
 26 ~~IN MARYLAND~~;

27 (2) IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

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

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

34 ~~(4) BEGINS ATTENDING AN ELIGIBLE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION~~
 35 ~~INSTITUTION WITHIN 1 YEAR OF COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL OR, FAILING TO DO SO,~~
 36 ~~PROVIDES EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION~~
 37 ~~OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;~~

1 ~~(5)~~ ~~(4)~~ (5) AGREES TO THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION
2 (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND

3 ~~(6)~~ ~~(5)~~ (6) ACCEPTS ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE
4 AWARD AND SATISFIES ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY
5 ESTABLISH.

6 (B) (1) THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF
7 \$1,000 FOR A STUDENT ENROLLED AT A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OR \$3,000 FOR
8 A STUDENT ENROLLED AT A 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

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

12 (I) REMAINS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

13 (II) ATTENDS A MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN
14 THE STATE;

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

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

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

23 (VI) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

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

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

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

36 (1) THE RECIPIENT SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL
37 AWARD TO:

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

4 (II) REPAY THE STATE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED UNDER THIS
5 SUBTITLE AND SIMPLE INTEREST EQUAL TO THE PRIME RATE OF INTEREST PLUS 2
6 PERCENT CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PAYMENT OF THE GRANT
7 AWARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT
8 DOES NOT:

9 1. SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE
10 ACADEMIC PROGRAM OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS
11 SUBTITLE; AND

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

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

17 18-2003.

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

20 18-2004.

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

28 18-2005.

29 FUNDS FOR THE MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP
30 PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY
31 THE GOVERNOR.

32 ~~18-2006.~~

33 ~~EXCEPT FOR A DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD UNDER § 18-1101 OF THIS~~
34 ~~ARTICLE, THE RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY~~
35 ~~SCHOLARSHIP MAY NOT HOLD ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS~~
36 ~~TITLE.~~

1 ~~48-2007.~~ 18-2006.

2 ON OR BEFORE MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SEND EACH
3 SENATOR AND EACH DELEGATE A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS IN EACH LEGISLATIVE
4 DISTRICT TO WHOM MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE
5 AWARDED.

6 ~~48-2008.~~ 18-2007.

7 THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE
8 AVAILABILITY OF MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS.

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