

SENATE BILL 703

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By: **Senator Trotter**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Teacher Education Scholarship Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Teacher Education Scholarship Program to be
4 awarded by the State Scholarship Administration to certain individuals based
5 on certain criteria; establishing the criteria for receiving and maintaining a
6 Teacher Education Scholarship; providing for the repayment of the scholarship
7 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to a Teacher Education
8 Scholarship Program to be awarded by the State Scholarship Administration.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Education
11 Section 18-708
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 18-708.

18 (A) THERE IS A TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AWARDED
19 UNDER THIS SECTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO STUDENTS WHO PLEDGE TO
20 TEACH IN A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN ANY COUNTY WITH AN
21 OVERALL TEACHER RETENTION RATE OF 10% OR LESS UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR
22 TEACHER EDUCATION STUDIES.

23 (B) A RECIPIENT OF A TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS
24 SECTION SHALL:

25 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AT THE TIME THE SCHOLARSHIP IS
26 AWARDED;

27 (2) BE A GRADUATE OF AN ACCREDITED HIGH SCHOOL; AND

1 (3) SATISFY WHATEVER OTHER CRITERIA THE ADMINISTRATION AND
2 THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ESTABLISH.

3 (C) A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION:

4 (1) MAY BE USED FOR THE TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT AN
5 ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT HAS A PROGRAM OF UNDERGRADUATE
6 OR GRADUATE STUDIES THAT WOULD CERTIFY THE RECIPIENT TO TEACH IN THIS
7 STATE;

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

11 (3) MAY BE HELD AS LONG AS THE RECIPIENT MAINTAINS A GRADE
12 POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 2.5 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

13 (D) EACH RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION
14 MAY HOLD THE SCHOLARSHIP UNTIL COMPLETION OF A MASTER'S DEGREE IN
15 EDUCATION.

16 (E) FOLLOWING GRADUATION THE RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED
17 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL TEACH IN A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY
18 SCHOOL IN ANY COUNTY WITH AN OVERALL TEACHER RETENTION RATE OF 10% OR
19 LESS FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 10 YEARS.

20 (F) (1) IF THE RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS
21 SECTION DOES NOT TEACH IN A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN
22 ANY COUNTY WITH AN OVERALL TEACHER RETENTION RATE OF 10% OR LESS FOR 10
23 YEARS, THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED SHALL BE CONSIDERED A LOAN TO BE REPAYED
24 TO THE STATE BASED ON REPAYMENT TERMS ESTABLISHED BY THE
25 ADMINISTRATION.

26 (2) IF THE RECIPIENT TEACHES IN A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR
27 SECONDARY SCHOOL IN ANY COUNTY WITH AN OVERALL TEACHER RETENTION RATE
28 OF 10% OR LESS FOR ONLY A PORTION OF THE 10 YEARS, THE STATE SHALL PRORATE
29 THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO REFLECT THE TIME THAT THE RECIPIENT TAUGHT
30 AND THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED SHALL BE
31 CONSIDERED A LOAN TO BE REPAYED TO THE STATE BASED ON REPAYMENT TERMS
32 ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

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