

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 131

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 12, after “Scholarships” insert “; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to submit a certain plan by a certain date”; and in line 18, strike “18-2210” and substitute “18-2209”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 6, strike “AN” and substitute “ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE”; in lines 6 and 7, strike “AS DEFINED BY § 18-103 OF THIS TITLE” and substitute “OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION”; in line 25, strike “(1)”; and in lines 26, 27, and 32, strike “(I)”, “(II)”, and “(III)”, respectively, and substitute “(1)”, “(2)”, and “(3)”, respectively.

On page 3, in lines 1, 3, and 5, strike “(IV)”, “(V)”, and “(VI)”, respectively, and substitute “(4)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively; in line 7, strike “(2) (I)” and substitute “(C) (1)”; in lines 10 and 13, strike “(II)” and “(III)”, respectively, and substitute “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively; and in line 19, after “RATE” insert “OF INTEREST”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 9, strike “CERTIFIED”; and in line 12, strike “PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE TEACHING POSITIONS,”.

On page 3, in line 17, before the first “THE” insert “(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,”; and after line 29, insert:

“(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL FORGIVE A RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2 YEARS OF AN AWARD IF:

(Over)

(1) THE RECIPIENT HAS TAKEN THE TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION, APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN 2 CONSECUTIVE YEARS; AND

(2) THE RECIPIENT FAILS TO PASS THE TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in lines 28 and 29, in each instance, strike “UNDERGRADUATE”.

On page 4, in line 1, strike “AN UNDERGRADUATE” and substitute “A COURSE OF STUDY”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, after line 34, insert:

“(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, EACH RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP MAY RENEW THE AWARD THREE TIMES IF THE RECIPIENT:

(1) CONTINUES TO BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

(2) CONTINUES TO BE A FULL-TIME STUDENT AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AND TAKES AT LEAST 12 SEMESTER HOURS OF COURSES EACH SEMESTER OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

(3) HAS ACHIEVED A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE AND MAINTAINS THIS MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THIS AWARD, OR FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

(4) IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE INSTITUTION, IS MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE; AND

(5) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

(B) (1) EACH RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS ENROLLED IN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM AS PERMITTED IN THIS SUBTITLE MAY RENEW THE AWARD TWO TIMES IF THE RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED IN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM THAT, AS DETERMINED BY THE INSTITUTION, REQUIRES 3 YEARS TO COMPLETE.

(2)”;

and in line 35, strike “SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 18-2103(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, in line 32, before “HAVE” insert “(I) FOR A STUDENT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL.”; in line 34, after “APPLICATION;” insert “OR

(II) FOR A STUDENT CURRENTLY ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT, HAVE MAINTAINED A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE AND HAVE BEEN MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE IN AN ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE LEADING TO A MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL TEACHER’S CERTIFICATE;”.

On page 3, after line 15, insert:

“(4) APPLICANTS WHO ARE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, BUT HAVE COMPLETED SOME COURSES AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, SHALL PROVIDE THE MOST RECENT COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT.

(5) APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, BUT WHO ARE COLLEGE GRADUATES SHALL PROVIDE A FINAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT.”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, in line 32, strike “\$3,000” and substitute “\$4,000”.

On page 4, in line 5, after “TUITION” insert “, BOOKS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, after line 21, insert:

“(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION” MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE THAT POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.”;

in line 22, strike “(A)” and substitute “(C)”; in the same line, strike “IN THIS SUBTITLE,”; in lines 24 and 25, strike “A CERTIFICATE, NURSING DIPLOMA,” and substitute “AN”; in line 25, strike “, OR” and substitute “OR”; in line 26, strike “(B)” and substitute “(D)”; in the same line, strike “IN THIS SUBTITLE,”; in the same line, after “MEANS” insert “FULL-TIME”; and strike beginning with “THAT” in line 27 down through “COMMISSION” in line 28.

On page 5, in line 13, strike “COLLEGE” and substitute “ATTENDING AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION”; in line 16, strike “IN COLLEGE”; and in the same line, before the semicolon, insert “AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION”.

On page 6, in line 2, strike “SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 18-2203(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE,”; and in line 3, strike “4” and substitute “5”.

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 5, in lines 26 and 27, strike “: (1)”; and strike beginning with “, OR” in line 27 down through “COMMISSION” in line 30.

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 6, in lines 22 and 23, strike “: (1)”; in lines 25 and 28, strike “(I)” and “(II)”, respectively, and substitute “(1)” and “(2)”, respectively; and in line 33, strike “1.” and substitute “(I)”.

On page 7, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “(II)”; in line 3, strike “; AND” and substitute a period; in line 4, strike “(2)” and substitute “(D)”; and after line 10, insert:

“A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED FOR TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT ANY ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

18-2209.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On pages 7 and 8, strike beginning with “Laws” in line 14 on page 7 through “1999.” in line 5 on page 8 and substitute “Maryland Higher Education Commission shall draft a plan to administer the Maryland HOPE Scholarship Program established under Title 18, Subtitle 22 of the Education Article. The Commission’s plan shall include a 3-year implementation schedule, beginning July 1, 2000, for the progressive availability of the Maryland HOPE Scholarship Award to all eligible students. By October 30, 1999, the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall submit the plan for the implementation of the Maryland HOPE Scholarship Program to the Governor, and subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.”; and strike beginning with “subject” in line 8 down through “Act,” in line 9 and substitute “Sections 1 and 3 of”.