

BY: Conference Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 131

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, in line 12, after "MARYLAND" insert "PUBLIC".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 19, strike "\$4,000" and substitute "\$3,000".

On page 5, in line 9, strike "PROGRAM"; and in line 12, strike ", BOOKS,".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 9, in line 1, after "the" insert "Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

18-2210.

(A) THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION SHALL DRAFT A PLAN TO ADMINISTER A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

(B) THE COMMISSION'S PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) A 3-YEAR SCHEDULE, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2000, FOR THE PROGRESSIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS; AND

(2) A PRIORITY LIST OF THE APPLICABLE FIELDS OF STUDY WHICH FOCUSES ON SUCH FACTORS AS:

(Over)

- (I) ECONOMIC NEED OF THE STATE;
- (II) EMPLOYMENT SHORTAGE AREAS OF THE STATE; AND
- (III) TRAINING AND EDUCATION CAPACITY OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN MARYLAND.

(C) THE PRIORITY LIST SHALL BE CREATED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE ADVISORY BOARDS OF THE COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY.

18-2211.

THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY OCTOBER 30, 1999.”;

and strike beginning with “Maryland” in line 25 down through “Committee.” in line 33.