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By: **Delegate Hubbard**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Maryland Teacher Education Scholarship Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Teacher Education Scholarship  
4 Program; establishing the requirements for receiving the Scholarship; requiring  
5 the Maryland Higher Education Commission to determine the eligibility of  
6 programs and institutions and to publish a list of eligible programs of study and  
7 eligible institutions; requiring the State Scholarship Administration to send  
8 certain information to the members of the General Assembly; providing for the  
9 funding of the Program; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally  
10 relating to the Maryland Teacher Education Scholarship Program.

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Education

13 Section 18-2101 through 18-2107, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle

14 "Subtitle 21. Maryland Teacher Education Scholarship Program"

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Education**

20 **SUBTITLE 21. MARYLAND TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

21 18-2101.

22 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS

23 INDICATED.

24 (B) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

25 IN THE STATE THAT OFFERS AN ELIGIBLE PROGRAM OF STUDY.

1 (C) "ELIGIBLE PROGRAM OF STUDY" MEANS A PROGRAM OF STUDY AT AN  
2 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT:

3 (1) LEADS TO A BACHELOR'S DEGREE; AND

4 (2) MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION AS A PUBLIC SCHOOL  
5 TEACHER IN THE STATE.

6 (D) (1) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS THE OBLIGATION INCURRED BY A  
7 RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TO TEACH IN A  
8 PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE AFTER GRADUATION.

9 (2) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" DOES NOT MEAN PAID STUDENT  
10 INTERNSHIPS, PAID FELLOWSHIPS, OR VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

11 18-2102.

12 (A) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP  
13 PROGRAM IN THE STATE UNDER WHICH SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED.

14 (2) EACH YEAR THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SELECT SECONDARY  
15 SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE EXCELLENT POTENTIAL FOR ACADEMIC  
16 SUCCESS IN AN ELIGIBLE PROGRAM OF STUDY AS RECIPIENTS OF TEACHER  
17 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS.

18 (3) A RECIPIENT OF A TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP MAY USE  
19 THE SCHOLARSHIP ONLY AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

20 (B) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A MARYLAND TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP,  
21 A RECIPIENT SHALL QUALIFY ACADEMICALLY AS FOLLOWS:

22 (1) HAVE A SECONDARY SCHOOL OVERALL ACADEMIC GRADE POINT  
23 AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE;

24 (2) INTEND TO ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN AN ELIGIBLE  
25 PROGRAM OF STUDY AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; AND

26 (3) GRADUATE FROM A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE.

27 (C) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (B) OF  
28 THIS SECTION, A RECIPIENT SHALL:

29 (1) BE A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

30 (2) BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION IN AN ELIGIBLE PROGRAM OF STUDY  
31 AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION;

32 (3) BEGIN THE PROGRAM WITHIN 2 YEARS OF COMPLETING HIGH  
33 SCHOOL OR PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT IS  
34 SATISFACTORY TO THE ADMINISTRATION;

1 (4) AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS  
2 SECTION; AND

3 (5) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS OR ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THAT  
4 THE COMMISSION OR THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ESTABLISH.

5 (D) THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.

6 (E) THE RECIPIENT OF A TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP MAY RENEW  
7 THE AWARD FOR 3 YEARS AFTER THE ORIGINAL AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT:

8 (1) REMAINS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

9 (2) CONTINUES TO BE ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE  
10 STUDENT IN AN ELIGIBLE PROGRAM OF STUDY AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION;

11 (3) MAINTAINS A 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE EACH  
12 ACADEMIC YEAR OR PROVIDES EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE ADMINISTRATION  
13 OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES; AND

14 (4) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

15 (F) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, A  
16 RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP MAY RENEW THE  
17 ANNUAL AWARD FOUR TIMES IF THE RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED IN AN  
18 UNDERGRADUATE ELIGIBLE PROGRAM OF STUDY THAT, AS DETERMINED BY THE  
19 INSTITUTION, REQUIRES 5 YEARS TO COMPLETE.

20 (G) A RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD MADE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL RECEIVE  
21 THE AWARD FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE IF THE RECIPIENT  
22 SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL AWARD TO:

23 (1) COMMENCE EMPLOYMENT AS A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER IN THE  
24 STATE WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES ON THE  
25 BASIS OF 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED; AND

26 (2) REPAY THE STATE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE  
27 AND SIMPLE INTEREST EQUAL TO THE PRIME RATE OF INTEREST PLUS 2%  
28 CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PAYMENT OF THE GRANT AWARD  
29 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT DOES  
30 NOT:

31 (I) SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE  
32 PROGRAM OF STUDY OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS  
33 SUBTITLE; AND

34 (II) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION AT THE RATE OF 1 YEAR  
35 FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS  
36 SUBTITLE.

1 (H) THE SERVICE OBLIGATION CANNOT BE FULFILLED BEFORE GRADUATION  
2 FROM AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

3 18-2103.

4 A MARYLAND TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED FOR TUITION  
5 AND MANDATORY FEES ONLY.

6 18-2104.

7 EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AND PUBLISH A LIST OF  
8 ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS OF STUDY AT ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS.

9 18-2105.

10 ON OR BEFORE MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SEND EACH  
11 MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS IN EACH  
12 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT TO WHOM MARYLAND TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS  
13 ARE AWARDED.

14 18-2106.

15 THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS  
16 UNDER THE MARYLAND TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

17 18-2107.

18 FUNDS FOR THE MARYLAND TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
19 SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE ADMINISTRATION BY THE  
20 GOVERNOR.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
22 effect July 1, 1999.