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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships - ~~Elimination of Secondary~~**
3 **~~School Requirement~~ Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a recipient of a Maryland Science
5 and Technology Scholarship graduate from a secondary school in Maryland;
6 clarifying the residency requirement for a recipient of a Maryland Science and
7 Technology Scholarship; and generally relating to Maryland Science and
8 Technology Scholarships.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Education
11 Section 18-2002
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 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 18-2002.

18 (a) There is a program of Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships in
19 this State that are awarded under this subtitle. The Administration shall annually
20 select secondary school students who have the greatest potential for academic success
21 in higher education and offer a scholarship to each student to be used at a Maryland
22 higher education institution of their choice, if the recipient meets the following
23 qualifications:

- 1 (1) Qualifies academically as follows:
- 2 (i) Has a secondary school transcript indicating an overall
3 academic grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent grade
4 point average in core curriculum courses after completion of the first semester of the
5 senior year; ~~AND~~
- 6 (ii) Intends to enroll as a full-time student in an academic program
7 as designated by the Maryland Higher Education Commission; ~~and~~
- 8 (iii) Has graduated from a secondary school ~~in Maryland;~~
- 9 (2) Is a Maryland resident AND WAS A MARYLAND RESIDENT AT THE
10 TIME OF GRADUATING FROM SECONDARY SCHOOL;
- 11 (3) Is accepted for admission in a regular undergraduate program at a
12 Maryland higher education institution in the State;
- 13 (4) Begins attending an eligible Maryland higher education institution
14 within 2 years of completing high school or, failing to do so, provides evidence
15 satisfactory to the State Scholarship Administration of extenuating circumstances;
- 16 (5) Agrees to the conditions provided in subsection (c) of this section; and
- 17 (6) Accepts any other conditions attached to the award and satisfies any
18 additional criteria the Commission may establish.
- 19 (b) (1) The annual scholarship award shall be in the amount of \$1,000 for a
20 student enrolled at a 2-year eligible institution or \$3,000 for a student enrolled at a
21 4-year eligible institution.
- 22 (2) If accepted by the eligible student, each award may be renewed on an
23 annual basis for a maximum of 3 years after the original award if the recipient:
- 24 (i) Remains a resident of the State;
- 25 (ii) Attends a Maryland higher education institution in the State;
- 26 (iii) Is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and takes at
27 least 12 semester hours of courses each semester or its equivalent as determined by
28 the Administration;
- 29 (iv) Maintains a 3.0 grade point average on an academic year basis
30 or, failing to do so, provides evidence satisfactory to the Administration, of extreme
31 extenuating circumstances;
- 32 (v) Is making satisfactory progress toward a degree as determined
33 by the institution; and
- 34 (vi) Maintains the standards of the institution.

1 (3) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, each
2 recipient of a Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship who is enrolled in a
3 baccalaureate degree program may renew the annual award four times if the
4 recipient is enrolled in an undergraduate academic program that, as determined by
5 the institution, requires 5 years to complete.

6 (4) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, each
7 award may be renewed on an annual basis for a maximum of 2 years for students
8 enrolled in an associate degree program.

9 (c) A recipient of an award made under this section shall receive the award for
10 each year indicated in which the recipient is eligible if:

11 (1) The recipient signs an agreement at the time of the initial award to:

12 (i) Commence employment in the State within 1 year after
13 completion of undergraduate studies for 1 year for each year that the scholarship was
14 awarded; and

15 (ii) Repay the State the amounts awarded under this subtitle and
16 simple interest equal to the prime rate of interest plus 2 percent calculated from the
17 date of the first payment of the grant award under this subtitle for any portion of the
18 award if the recipient does not:

19 1. Satisfy the degree requirements of the eligible academic
20 program or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle; and

21 2. Perform the service obligation for 1 year for each year that
22 the recipient has a scholarship awarded under this subtitle; and

23 (2) The service obligation begins after graduation and cannot be fulfilled
24 prior to graduation from an eligible institution.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 ~~October~~ June 1, 1999.