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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- *Economic and Environmental Affairs/Ways and Means* --

Introduced by **The President (Administration) and Senators Blount, Collins, Conway, Hollinger, Lawlah, Pinsky, Ruben, Middleton, Green, Stone, Teitelbaum, Baker, Astle, Bromwell, Dyson, and Exum**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Maryland Teacher Scholarships - Maryland HOPE**  
3 **Scholarships**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Teacher Scholarship program for  
5 certain students; providing for the awarding of Maryland Teacher Scholarships;  
6 establishing the requirements for receiving a Maryland Teacher Scholarship;  
7 providing for the funding of Maryland Teacher Scholarships; establishing the  
8 Maryland HOPE Scholarship Program for certain students; providing for the  
9 awarding of Maryland HOPE Scholarships; establishing the requirements for  
10 receiving a Maryland HOPE Scholarship; requiring the State Scholarship  
11 Administration to send each Senator and Delegate certain information;  
12 providing for the funding of the Maryland HOPE Scholarships; requiring the  
13 Maryland Higher Education Commission to submit a certain plan by a certain  
14 date; ~~providing for the effective dates~~ a delayed effective date for certain sections  
15 of this Act; and generally relating to scholarships.

1 BY adding to  
 2 Article - Education  
 3 Section 18-2101 through 18-2110, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle  
 4 "Subtitle 21. Maryland Teacher Scholarships"; and 18-2201 through  
 5 ~~18-2210 18-2209~~ 18-2211, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle  
 6 22. Maryland HOPE Scholarships"  
 7 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 8 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

11 **Article - Education**

12 **SUBTITLE 21. MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS.**

13 18-2101.

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

16 (B) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS ~~AN~~ ANY A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE  
 17 INSTITUTION AS DEFINED BY § 18-103 OF THIS TITLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS  
 18 STATE THAT POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE MARYLAND  
 19 HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

20 (C) (1) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS TO TEACH FULL TIME IN THE STATE  
 21 AS A ~~CERTIFIED~~ TEACHER IN A MARYLAND PUBLIC ~~PUBLIC~~ ELEMENTARY OR  
 22 SECONDARY SCHOOL.

23 (2) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" DOES NOT MEAN EMPLOYMENT AS  
 24 TEACHING ASSISTANTS, ~~PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE TEACHING POSITIONS,~~  
 25 VOLUNTEER SERVICE, PAID FELLOWSHIPS, OR INTERNSHIPS.

26 (D) "ADMINISTRATION" MEANS THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION  
 27 AS DEFINED IN § 18-101(B) OF THIS TITLE.

28 18-2102.

29 THERE IS A PROGRAM OF MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS THAT ARE  
 30 AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR STUDENTS WHO PLEDGE TO WORK AS PUBLIC  
 31 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THIS STATE UPON  
 32 COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES.

33 18-2103.

34 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ANNUALLY SELECT ELIGIBLE STUDENTS  
 35 AND OFFER A SCHOLARSHIP TO EACH STUDENT SELECTED TO BE USED AT AN  
 36 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF THEIR CHOICE.

1 (B) (A) A RECIPIENT OF THE MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP SHALL:

2 (A) (1) BE A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

3 (A) (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS  
 4 SECTION, BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION AS A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE  
 5 STUDENT OR BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AS A  
 6 FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PURSUING A COURSE OF STUDY OR  
 7 PROGRAM IN AN ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE LEADING TO A MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL  
 8 TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE;

9 (A) (3) (I) FOR A STUDENT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH  
 10 SCHOOL, HAVE EARNED A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON  
 11 A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN CORE CURRICULUM COURSES AT THE TIME OF  
 12 APPLICATION; OR

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

18 (A) (4) SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM THE SERVICE  
 19 OBLIGATION UPON COMPLETION OF THE RECIPIENT'S REQUIRED STUDIES;

20 (A) (5) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE  
 21 AWARD; AND

22 (A) (6) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION  
 23 MAY ESTABLISH.

24 (C) A RECIPIENT OF THE MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP MAY NOT:

25 (1) BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION;

26 (2) BE A COLLEGE GRADUATE; AND

27 (3) HOLD A MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE.

28 (B) (A) (C) (D) (1) APPLICANTS WHO ARE SECONDARY SCHOOL  
 29 STUDENTS SHALL PROVIDE A HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AFTER COMPLETION OF  
 30 THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THEIR SENIOR YEAR.

31 (A) (2) APPLICANTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN  
 32 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE THE MOST RECENT COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT,  
 33 OR IF NOT APPLICABLE, THE APPLICANT MAY SUBMIT A FINAL HIGH SCHOOL  
 34 TRANSCRIPT.

1                   ~~(HH)~~ (3) APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN  
2 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, BUT WHO ARE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES SHALL PROVIDE A  
3 FINAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.

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

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

11 18-2104.

12       (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
13 RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP SHALL REPAY THE  
14 COMMISSION THE FUNDS RECEIVED PLUS SIMPLE INTEREST THAT IS EQUAL TO THE  
15 PRIME RATE OF INTEREST PLUS 2 PERCENT CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE  
16 FIRST PAYMENT OF THE GRANT AWARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY PORTION OF  
17 THE AWARD NOT FORGIVEN IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

18                   (1) SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE COURSE OF  
19 STUDY OR PROGRAM OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS  
20 SUBTITLE;

21                   (2) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR  
22 THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

23                   (3) BECOME PROFESSIONALLY CERTIFIED TO TEACH IN THE STATE OF  
24 MARYLAND WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION IN  
25 CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

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

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

34 18-2105.

35       THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 FOR A  
36 STUDENT ENROLLED AT A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OR ~~\$3,000~~ \$4,000 ~~\$3,000~~ FOR  
37 A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

1 18-2106.

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

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

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

9 (3) HAS ACHIEVED A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST  
10 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE AND MAINTAINS THIS MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT  
11 AVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THIS AWARD, OR FAILING TO DO SO,  
12 PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

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

15 (5) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

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

21 (2) ~~SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 18-2103(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE,~~  
22 EACH RECIPIENT OF THE MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP MAY RENEW THE  
23 ANNUAL AWARD FOUR TIMES IF THE RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED IN AN  
24 UNDERGRADUATE A COURSE OF STUDY PROGRAM THAT, AS DETERMINED BY THE  
25 INSTITUTION, REQUIRES 5 YEARS TO COMPLETE.

26 18-2107.

27 A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED FOR TUITION, ~~BOOKS,~~ AND  
28 MANDATORY FEES AT ANY ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

29 18-2108.

30 EXCEPT FOR A DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD UNDER § 18-1101 OF THIS  
31 ARTICLE, THE RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP MAY NOT HOLD  
32 ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS TITLE.

33 18-2109.

34 FUNDS FOR THE MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SHALL BE AS  
35 PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

1 18-2110.

2 THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE  
3 AVAILABILITY OF MARYLAND TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
5 read as follows:

6 **Article - Education**

7 **SUBTITLE 22. MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS.**

8 18-2201.

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

11 (B) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF  
12 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE THAT POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL  
13 FROM THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

14 ~~(A)~~ (C) ~~IN THIS SUBTITLE,~~ "REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM" MEANS  
15 AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM OF STUDY IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT  
16 OR BELOW THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL LEADING TO EITHER ~~A CERTIFICATE,~~  
17 ~~NURSING DIPLOMA,~~ AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE, ~~OR OR~~ BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

18 ~~(B)~~ (D) ~~IN THIS SUBTITLE,~~ "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS FULL-TIME  
19 EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE THAT IS RELATED TO THE RECIPIENT'S FIELD OF  
20 STUDY, AS DETERMINED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

21 18-2202.

22 (A) THERE IS A PROGRAM OF MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS IN THIS STATE  
23 THAT ARE AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

24 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF  
25 MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS.

26 18-2203.

27 (A) EXCEPT FOR A DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD UNDER § 18-1101 OF THIS  
28 TITLE, THE RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP MAY NOT HOLD ANY  
29 OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS TITLE.

30 (B) EACH RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP SHALL:

31 (1) BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION IN A REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE  
32 PROGRAM AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IN THE STATE;

33 (2) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

1 (3) EARN A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A  
2 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN CORE CURRICULUM COURSES AS CALCULATED  
3 AND INDICATED ON THE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AFTER THE FIRST SEMESTER OF  
4 THE SENIOR YEAR FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE;

5 (4) ~~BEGIN COLLEGE~~ ATTENDING AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION WITHIN 2  
6 YEARS OF COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL OR, FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDE EVIDENCE  
7 SATISFACTORY TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

8 (5) ENROLL ~~IN COLLEGE~~ AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT AT AN ELIGIBLE  
9 INSTITUTION;

10 (6) HAVE AN ANNUAL TOTAL FAMILY INCOME OF \$80,000 OR BELOW;

11 (7) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD; AND

12 (8) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE MARYLAND HIGHER  
13 EDUCATION COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.

14 18-2204.

15 (1) THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000  
16 FOR A STUDENT ENROLLED AT A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OR \$3,000 FOR A  
17 STUDENT ENROLLED IN A 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

18 (2) A STUDENT WHO TRANSFERS FROM A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION TO A  
19 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION MAY RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN  
20 THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 ONCE THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED AT THE 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE  
21 INSTITUTION.

22 18-2205.

23 A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED AT:

24 (1) AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IN THE STATE; ~~OR~~

25 (2) ~~A HOSPITAL DIPLOMA SCHOOL IN THE STATE FOR TRAINING~~  
26 ~~REGISTERED NURSES IF THE CURRICULUM IS APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND~~  
27 ~~HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.~~

28 18-2206.

29 (A) ~~SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 18-2203(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE,~~ EACH  
30 RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP MAY HOLD THE AWARD FOR 4 5  
31 YEARS IF THE RECIPIENT:

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

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

1 (3) UPON COMPLETION OF THE FRESHMAN YEAR, HAS ACHIEVED A  
 2 CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE, AND  
 3 MAINTAINS THIS MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE THROUGHOUT  
 4 THE REMAINDER OF THE AWARD, OR FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDES EVIDENCE  
 5 SATISFACTORY TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

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

8 (5) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

9 (B) EACH RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS  
 10 ENROLLED IN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM AS PERMITTED IN THIS SUBTITLE  
 11 MAY HOLD THE AWARD FOR 3 YEARS IF THE SAME CONDITIONS OF SUBSECTION (A)  
 12 OF THIS SECTION ARE MET.

13 (C) EACH RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP WHO TRANSFERS  
 14 FROM A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION TO A 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION MAY  
 15 HOLD THE AWARD FOR A TOTAL OF 5 YEARS, INCLUDING THE YEARS AT BOTH THE  
 16 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AND THE 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, IF THE  
 17 SAME CONDITIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) ARE MET.

18 ~~(C)~~ (D) A RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD MADE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL  
 19 RECEIVE THE AWARD FOR EACH YEAR INDICATED IN WHICH THE RECIPIENT IS  
 20 ELIGIBLE IF:

21 ~~(+)~~ (+) THE RECIPIENT SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL  
 22 AWARD TO:

23 ~~(+)~~ (1) COMMENCE EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE WITHIN 1 YEAR  
 24 AFTER COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR  
 25 THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED; AND

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

31 ~~(+)~~ (1) SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
 32 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS  
 33 SUBTITLE; AND

34 ~~(+)~~ (II) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION FOR 1 YEAR  
 35 FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS  
 36 SUBTITLE; ~~AND.~~

37 ~~(+)~~ (E) (E) THE SERVICE OBLIGATION BEGINS AFTER GRADUATION  
 38 AND CANNOT BE FULFILLED PRIOR TO GRADUATION FROM AN ELIGIBLE  
 39 INSTITUTION.

1 18-2207.

2 ON OR BEFORE MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SEND EACH  
3 SENATOR AND EACH DELEGATE A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS IN EACH LEGISLATIVE  
4 DISTRICT TO WHOM MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED.

5 18-2208.

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

8 18-2209.

9 FUNDS FOR THE MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SHALL BE AS  
10 PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION  
11 COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
13 read as follows:

14 Article - Education

15 18-2210.

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

18 (B) THE COMMISSION'S PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

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

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

24 (I) ECONOMIC NEED OF THE STATE;

25 (II) EMPLOYMENT SHORTAGE AREAS OF THE STATE; AND

26 (III) TRAINING AND EDUCATION CAPACITY OF THE HIGHER  
27 EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN MARYLAND.

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

1 18-2211.

2 THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN  
3 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO  
4 THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY BY OCTOBER 30, 1999. Laws of Maryland read as follows:

6 **~~Article—Education~~**

7 ~~48-2209.~~

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

10 (B) ~~THE COMMISSION'S PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:~~

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

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

16 (I) ~~ECONOMIC NEED OF THE STATE;~~

17 (II) ~~EMPLOYMENT SHORTAGE AREAS OF THE STATE; AND~~

18 (III) ~~TRAINING AND EDUCATION CAPACITY OF THE HIGHER~~  
19 ~~EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN MARYLAND.~~

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

24 ~~48-2210.~~

25 ~~THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN~~  
26 ~~FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP TO THE~~  
27 ~~GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY~~  
28 ~~BY OCTOBER 30, 1999. Maryland Higher Education Commission shall draft a plan to~~  
29 ~~administer the Maryland HOPE Scholarship Program established under Title 18,~~  
30 ~~Subtitle 22 of the Education Article. The Commission's plan shall include a 3-year~~  
31 ~~implementation schedule, beginning July 1, 2000, for the progressive availability of~~  
32 ~~the Maryland HOPE Scholarship Award to all eligible students. By October 30, 1999,~~  
33 ~~the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall submit the plan for the~~  
34 ~~implementation of the Maryland HOPE Scholarship Program to the Governor, and~~  
35 ~~subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Economic and~~  
36 ~~Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.~~

1 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall  
2 take effect October 1, ~~1999~~ 2000.

3 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~subject to Section 4 of~~  
4 ~~this Act,~~ Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999.