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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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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

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; providing for the  
13 effective dates of this Act; and generally relating to scholarships.

14 BY adding to  
15 Article - Education  
16 Section 18-2101 through 18-2110, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle  
17 "Subtitle 21. Maryland Teacher Scholarships"; and 18-2201 through  
18 18-2210, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 22. Maryland  
19 HOPE Scholarships"  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Education**

2 SUBTITLE 21. MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS.

3 18-2101.

4 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
5 INDICATED.6 (B) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS AN INSTITUTION AS DEFINED BY § 18-103  
7 OF THIS TITLE.8 (C) (1) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS TO TEACH FULL TIME IN THE STATE  
9 AS A CERTIFIED TEACHER IN A MARYLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY  
10 SCHOOL.11 (2) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" DOES NOT MEAN EMPLOYMENT AS  
12 TEACHING ASSISTANTS, PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE TEACHING POSITIONS,  
13 VOLUNTEER SERVICE, PAID FELLOWSHIPS, OR INTERNSHIPS.14 (D) "ADMINISTRATION" MEANS THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION  
15 AS DEFINED IN § 18-101(B) OF THIS TITLE.

16 18-2102.

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

21 18-2103.

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

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

26 (I) BE A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

27 (II) BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION AS A FULL-TIME  
28 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT OR BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT AN ELIGIBLE  
29 INSTITUTION AS A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PURSUING A COURSE OF  
30 STUDY OR PROGRAM IN AN ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE LEADING TO A MARYLAND  
31 PROFESSIONAL TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE;32 (III) HAVE EARNED A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT  
33 LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN CORE CURRICULUM COURSES AT  
34 THE TIME OF APPLICATION;

1 (IV) SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM THE SERVICE  
2 OBLIGATION UPON COMPLETION OF THE RECIPIENT'S REQUIRED STUDIES;

3 (V) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD;  
4 AND

5 (VI) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY  
6 ESTABLISH.

7 (2) (I) APPLICANTS WHO ARE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS SHALL  
8 PROVIDE A HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AFTER COMPLETION OF THE FIRST  
9 SEMESTER OF THEIR SENIOR YEAR.

10 (II) APPLICANTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ELIGIBLE  
11 INSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE THE MOST RECENT COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT, OR IF NOT  
12 APPLICABLE, THE APPLICANT MAY SUBMIT A FINAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.

13 (III) APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN  
14 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, BUT WHO ARE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES SHALL PROVIDE A  
15 FINAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.

16 18-2104.

17 THE RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP SHALL REPAY THE  
18 COMMISSION THE FUNDS RECEIVED PLUS SIMPLE INTEREST THAT IS EQUAL TO THE  
19 PRIME RATE PLUS 2 PERCENT CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST  
20 PAYMENT OF THE GRANT AWARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE  
21 AWARD NOT FORGIVEN IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

22 (1) SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE COURSE OF  
23 STUDY OR PROGRAM OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS  
24 SUBTITLE;

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

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

30 18-2105.

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

34 18-2106.

35 SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 18-2103(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, EACH  
36 RECIPIENT OF THE MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP MAY RENEW THE ANNUAL

1 AWARD FOUR TIMES IF THE RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED IN AN UNDERGRADUATE  
2 PROGRAM THAT, AS DETERMINED BY THE INSTITUTION, REQUIRES 5 YEARS TO  
3 COMPLETE.

4 18-2107.

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

7 18-2108.

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

11 18-2109.

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

14 18-2110.

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

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

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**Article - Education**

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**SUBTITLE 22. MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS.**

21 18-2201.

22 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, "REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM" MEANS AN  
23 ACADEMIC PROGRAM OF STUDY IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT OR  
24 BELOW THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL LEADING TO EITHER A CERTIFICATE, NURSING  
25 DIPLOMA, ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE, OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

26 (B) IN THIS SUBTITLE, "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS EMPLOYMENT WITHIN  
27 THE STATE THAT IS RELATED TO THE RECIPIENT'S FIELD OF STUDY, AS DETERMINED  
28 BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

29 18-2202.

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

32 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF  
33 MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS.

1 18-2203.

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

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

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

8 (2) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

9 (3) EARN A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A  
10 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN CORE CURRICULUM COURSES AS CALCULATED  
11 AND INDICATED ON THE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AFTER THE FIRST SEMESTER OF  
12 THE SENIOR YEAR FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE;

13 (4) BEGIN COLLEGE WITHIN 2 YEARS OF COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL OR,  
14 FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDE EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
15 EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

16 (5) ENROLL IN COLLEGE AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT;

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

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

19 (8) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE MARYLAND HIGHER  
20 EDUCATION COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.

21 18-2204.

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

25 18-2205.

26 A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED AT:

27 (1) AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IN THE STATE; OR

28 (2) A HOSPITAL DIPLOMA SCHOOL IN THE STATE FOR TRAINING  
29 REGISTERED NURSES IF THE CURRICULUM IS APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND  
30 HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

1 18-2206.

2 (A) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 18-2203(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, EACH  
3 RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP MAY HOLD THE AWARD FOR 4  
4 YEARS 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 IN THE STATE AND TAKES AT LEAST 12 SEMESTER HOURS OF COURSES  
8 EACH SEMESTER OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

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

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

16 (5) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

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

21 (C) A RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD MADE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL RECEIVE  
22 THE AWARD FOR EACH YEAR INDICATED IN WHICH THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE IF:

23 (1) THE RECIPIENT SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL  
24 AWARD TO:

25 (I) COMMENCE EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE WITHIN 1 YEAR  
26 AFTER COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR  
27 THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED; AND

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

33 1. SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE  
34 INSTITUTION OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE;  
35 AND



1 18-2210.

2 THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN  
3 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP TO THE  
4 GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
5 BY OCTOBER 30, 1999.

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

8 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That subject to Section 4 of  
9 this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999.