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By: **The President (Administration) and Senators Blount, Collins, Conway,
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Baker, Astle, Bromwell, Dyson, and Exum**

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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 of this Act; and generally relating to
15 scholarships.

16 BY adding to
17 Article - Education
18 Section 18-2101 through 18-2110, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
19 "Subtitle 21. Maryland Teacher Scholarships"; and 18-2201 through
20 ~~18-2210~~ 18-2209, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 22.
21 Maryland HOPE Scholarships"
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Education**

4 SUBTITLE 21. MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS.

5 18-2101.

6 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
7 INDICATED.

8 (B) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS ~~AN~~ ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
9 INSTITUTION AS DEFINED BY § 18-103 OF THIS TITLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT
10 POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION.

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

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

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

19 18-2102.

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

24 18-2103.

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

28 (B) ~~(+)~~ A RECIPIENT OF THE MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP SHALL:

29 ~~(+)~~ (1) BE A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

30 ~~(+)~~ (2) BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION AS A FULL-TIME
31 ~~UNDERGRADUATE~~ STUDENT OR BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT AN ELIGIBLE
32 INSTITUTION AS A FULL-TIME ~~UNDERGRADUATE~~ STUDENT PURSUING A COURSE OF
33 STUDY OR PROGRAM IN AN ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE LEADING TO A MARYLAND
34 PROFESSIONAL TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE;

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

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

10 ~~(IV)~~ (4) SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM THE SERVICE
11 OBLIGATION UPON COMPLETION OF THE RECIPIENT'S REQUIRED STUDIES;

12 ~~(V)~~ (5) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE
13 AWARD; AND

14 ~~(VI)~~ (6) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION
15 MAY ESTABLISH.

16 ~~(2)~~ ~~(4)~~ (C) (1) APPLICANTS WHO ARE SECONDARY SCHOOL
17 STUDENTS SHALL PROVIDE A HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AFTER COMPLETION OF
18 THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THEIR SENIOR YEAR.

19 ~~(H)~~ (2) APPLICANTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN
20 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE THE MOST RECENT COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT,
21 OR IF NOT APPLICABLE, THE APPLICANT MAY SUBMIT A FINAL HIGH SCHOOL
22 TRANSCRIPT.

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

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

30 (5) APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ELIGIBLE
31 INSTITUTION, BUT WHO ARE COLLEGE GRADUATES SHALL PROVIDE A FINAL
32 COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT.

33 18-2104.

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

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

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

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

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

11 (1) THE RECIPIENT HAS TAKEN THE TEACHER CERTIFICATION
12 EXAMINATION, APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN 2 CONSECUTIVE
13 YEARS; AND

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

17 18-2105.

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

21 18-2106.

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

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

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

29 (3) HAS ACHIEVED A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST
30 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE AND MAINTAINS THIS MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT
31 AVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THIS AWARD, OR FAILING TO DO SO,
32 PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

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

35 (5) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

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

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

11 18-2107.

12 A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED FOR TUITION, BOOKS, AND
13 MANDATORY FEES AT ANY ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

14 18-2108.

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

18 18-2109.

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

21 18-2110.

22 THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE
23 AVAILABILITY OF MARYLAND TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS.

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

26 **Article - Education**

27 SUBTITLE 22. MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS.

28 18-2201.

29 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
30 INDICATED.

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

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

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

8 18-2202.

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

11 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF
12 MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS.

13 18-2203.

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

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

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

20 (2) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

21 (3) EARN A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A
22 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN CORE CURRICULUM COURSES AS CALCULATED
23 AND INDICATED ON THE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AFTER THE FIRST SEMESTER OF
24 THE SENIOR YEAR FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE;

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

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

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

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

32 (8) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE MARYLAND HIGHER
33 EDUCATION COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.

1 18-2204.

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

5 (2) A STUDENT WHO TRANSFERS FROM A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION TO A
6 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION MAY RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN
7 THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 ONCE THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED AT THE 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE
8 INSTITUTION.

9 18-2205.

10 A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED AT:

11 (+) AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IN THE STATE; ~~OR~~

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

15 18-2206.

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

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

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

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

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

30 (5) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

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

35 (C) EACH RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP WHO TRANSFERS
36 FROM A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION TO A 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION MAY

1 HOLD THE AWARD FOR A TOTAL OF 5 YEARS, INCLUDING THE YEARS AT BOTH THE
2 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AND THE 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, IF THE
3 SAME CONDITIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) ARE MET.

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

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

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

12 ~~(+)~~ (2) REPAY THE STATE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED UNDER THIS
13 SUBTITLE AND SIMPLE INTEREST EQUAL TO THE PRIME RATE OF INTEREST PLUS 2
14 PERCENT CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PAYMENT OF THE GRANT
15 AWARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT
16 DOES NOT:

17 ~~(+)~~ (1) SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
18 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS
19 SUBTITLE; AND

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

23 ~~(+)~~ ~~(D)~~ (E) THE SERVICE OBLIGATION BEGINS AFTER GRADUATION
24 AND CANNOT BE FULFILLED PRIOR TO GRADUATION FROM AN ELIGIBLE
25 INSTITUTION.

26 18-2207.

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

30 18-2208.

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

33 18-2209.

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

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the ~~Laws of Maryland~~
2 ~~read as follows:~~

3 ~~Article - Education~~

4 ~~18-2209.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 ~~(III) TRAINING AND EDUCATION CAPACITY OF THE HIGHER~~
16 ~~EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN MARYLAND.~~

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

21 ~~18-2210.~~

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

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

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