

SENATE BILL 277

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By: **Senators Lawlah, Kasemeyer, DeGrange, Van Hollen, Hogan, and Neall**
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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Maryland Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship
4 Program; providing for the awarding of Maryland Phi Theta Kappa
5 Scholarships, establishing the requirements for receiving a Maryland Phi Theta
6 Kappa Scholarship; requiring the State Scholarship Administration to send
7 certain information to the members of the General Assembly; providing for the
8 funding of the Maryland Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Program; and generally
9 relating to the Maryland Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Program.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Education
12 Section 18-2101 through 18-2105, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
13 "Subtitle 21. Maryland Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Program"
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

16 Preamble

17 WHEREAS, Phi Theta Kappa is a prestigious honors program for outstanding
18 community college students; and

19 WHEREAS, There is currently no State-sponsored scholarship program in the
20 State of Maryland for transfer students; and

21 WHEREAS, A number of institutions in other states provide scholarships to
22 Phi Theta Kappa members, creating an incentive for the most academically talented
23 community college students to leave the State; and

24 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland's interests are greatly fostered when the
25 best and brightest students pursue higher education in Maryland; now, therefore,

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

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Article - Education

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SUBTITLE 21. MARYLAND PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

3 18-2101.

4 (A) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
5 IN THE STATE UNDER WHICH SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED.

6 (2) A RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP MAY
7 USE THE SCHOLARSHIP ONLY AT A MARYLAND INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
8 EDUCATION.

9 (B) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A MARYLAND PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP, A
10 RECIPIENT SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

11 (1) BE A STUDENT AT A MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE;

12 (2) BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF PHI THETA KAPPA
13 INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY;

14 (3) IS EXPECTED TO HAVE EARNED AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR
15 COMPLETED 60 CREDIT HOURS IN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM BY THE TIME OF
16 THE RECEIPT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP; AND

17 (4) INTENDS TO TRANSFER TO A MARYLAND INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
18 EDUCATION TO PURSUE AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE.

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

21 (1) BE A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

22 (2) BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION IN AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE
23 PROGRAM AT A MARYLAND INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

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

26 (D) THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.

27 (E) THE RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP MAY
28 RENEW THE AWARD FOR 1 YEAR AFTER THE ORIGINAL AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT:

29 (1) REMAINS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

30 (2) CONTINUES TO BE ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE
31 STUDENT IN A DEGREE PROGRAM AT A MARYLAND INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
32 EDUCATION;

1 (3) MAINTAINS A 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE OR
2 PROVIDES EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING
3 CIRCUMSTANCES; AND

4 (4) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

5 18-2102.

6 A MARYLAND PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED FOR TUITION AND
7 MANDATORY FEES ONLY.

8 18-2103.

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

13 18-2104.

14 THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS
15 UNDER THE MARYLAND PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

16 18-2105.

17 FUNDS FOR THE MARYLAND PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SHALL
18 BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE ADMINISTRATION BY THE
19 GOVERNOR.

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