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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Scholarship Administration to offer Maryland
4 Science and Technology Scholarships to certain students currently enrolled in
5 certain undergraduate programs under certain circumstances and during a
6 certain period of time; requiring the Administration to allocate certain funds
7 between certain groups of students; establishing certain requirements for
8 certain undergraduate students to receive a Maryland Science and Technology
9 Scholarship; requiring the Administration to establish certain procedures; and
10 generally relating to the Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship
11 Program.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Education
14 Section 18-2002 and 18-2007
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article - Education**

20 18-2002.

21 (a) There is a program of Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships in
22 this State that are awarded under this subtitle. [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
23 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE Administration shall annually select
24 secondary school students who have the greatest potential for academic success in
25 higher education and offer a scholarship to each student to be used at a Maryland
26 higher education institution of their choice, if the recipient meets the following
27 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;
- 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;
- 9 (2) Is a Maryland resident and was a Maryland resident at the time of
10 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)] (D) of this
17 section; and
- 18 (6) Accepts any other conditions attached to the award and satisfies any
19 additional criteria the Commission may establish.

20 (B) (1) AFTER SEPTEMBER 1 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, IF
21 FUNDS REMAIN AFTER COMPLETING AWARDS TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS UNDER
22 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ALLOCATE THE
23 FUNDS TO STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM AT
24 AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE WHO HAVE THE GREATEST
25 POTENTIAL FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

26 (I) 50% OF THE FUNDS TO STUDENTS WHO ARE IN THE FOURTH
27 YEAR OF A 4-YEAR PROGRAM; AND

28 (II) 50% OF THE FUNDS TO STUDENTS WHO ARE IN THE SECOND
29 YEAR OF A 2-YEAR PROGRAM.

30 (2) TO THE EXTENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH
31 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL OFFER A
32 SCHOLARSHIP TO EACH STUDENT TO BE USED AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
33 EDUCATION IN THE STATE, IF THE STUDENT:

34 (I) HAS EARNED A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT
35 LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS CALCULATED AND INDICATED ON A
36 COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT AFTER THE LAST COMPLETED SEMESTER BEFORE THE
37 APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED;

1 (II) IS ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN AN ACADEMIC
2 PROGRAM AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION;

3 (III) IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT AND WAS A MARYLAND RESIDENT
4 AT THE TIME OF GRADUATING FROM SECONDARY SCHOOL;

5 (IV) AGREES TO THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF
6 THIS SECTION; AND

7 (V) ACCEPTS ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD
8 AND SATISFIES ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.

9 [(b)] (C) (1) The annual scholarship award shall be in the amount of \$1,000
10 for a student enrolled at a 2-year eligible institution or \$3,000 for a student enrolled
11 at a 4-year eligible institution.

12 (2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO A STUDENT WHO
13 RECEIVES AN AWARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

14 (II) If accepted by the eligible student, each award may be renewed
15 on an annual basis for a maximum of 3 years after the original award if the recipient:

16 [(i)] 1. Remains a resident of the State;

17 [(ii)] 2. Attends a Maryland higher education institution in the
18 State;

19 [(iii)] 3. Is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and
20 takes at least 12 semester hours of courses each semester or its equivalent as
21 determined by the Administration;

22 [(iv)] 4. Maintains a 3.0 grade point average on an academic year
23 basis or, failing to do so, provides evidence satisfactory to the Administration, of
24 extreme extenuating circumstances;

25 [(v)] 5. Is making satisfactory progress toward a degree as
26 determined by the institution; and

27 [(vi)] 6. Maintains the standards of the institution.

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

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

1 (5) A RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
2 SECTION MAY NOT RENEW THE AWARD.

3 [(c)] (D) A recipient of an award made under this section shall receive the
4 award for each year indicated in which the recipient is eligible if:

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 18-2007.

20 The State Scholarship Administration shall:

21 (1) [publicize] PUBLICIZE the availability of Maryland Science and
22 Technology Scholarships; AND

23 (2) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF §
24 18-2002(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR:

25 (I) PUBLICIZING THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS REMAINING AFTER
26 COMPLETING AWARDS TO ALL ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS;

27 (II) DISTRIBUTING APPLICATIONS TO STUDENTS CURRENTLY
28 ENROLLED IN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS IN THE STATE AND ACCEPTING
29 APPLICATIONS FROM THOSE STUDENTS; AND

30 (III) RANKING AND MAKING AWARDS TO ELIGIBLE
31 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 June 1, 2000.