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By: **Chairman, Ways and Means Committee (Departmental - Higher Education Commission)**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2000

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Student Financial Assistance and Scholarships**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing graduates of a high school outside of Maryland to be  
4 eligible for a Guaranteed Access Grant under the Educational Excellence  
5 Awards Program; requiring Maryland residency as a condition of eligibility for  
6 the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship and tuition assistance for career or  
7 volunteer firefighter, ambulance or rescue squad members; requiring  
8 enrollment in a degree-granting or terminal certificate program as a condition  
9 of eligibility for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship; repealing the  
10 requirement that the service obligation of recipients of Economic Development  
11 Student Assistant Grants awarded to train physical therapists, physical therapy  
12 assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants be  
13 served in a school or State therapeutic hospital; allowing graduates of a high  
14 school outside of Maryland to be eligible for a Maryland HOPE Scholarship; and  
15 generally relating to student financial assistance and scholarships.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article - Education  
18 Section 18-303(c)(1), 18-601(d), 18-603, and 18-704(a)(9)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1999 Replacement Volume)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
22 Article - Education  
23 Section 18-601(b) and (c) and 18-704(a)(1) and (b)(1)  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (1999 Replacement Volume)

26 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
27 Article - Education  
28 Section 18-2303(b)  
29 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (1999 Replacement Volume)  
2 (As enacted by Chapters 704 and 705 of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
3 1999)

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

6 **Article - Education**

7 18-303.

8 (c) Each recipient of a Guaranteed Access Grant shall:

9 (1) Have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or  
10 its equivalent at the end of the first semester of the senior year in high school and  
11 have completed high school [in this State] or, failing to do so, on the recommendation  
12 of the recipient's high school principal, provide evidence satisfactory to the State  
13 Scholarship Administration of extenuating circumstances;

14 18-601.

15 (b) There is a program of scholarships that are awarded under this section.

16 (c) The Program is the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

17 (d) A person may apply to the Administration for a scholarship under this  
18 section if the person:

19 (1) IS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND;

20 (2) (I) IS ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION OR ENROLLED IN THE REGULAR  
21 UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM AT AN ELIGIBLE  
22 INSTITUTION; OR

23 (II) IS ENROLLED IN A 2-YEAR TERMINAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM  
24 IN WHICH THE COURSE WORK IS ACCEPTABLE FOR TRANSFER CREDIT FOR AN  
25 ACCREDITED BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; AND

26 [(1)] (3) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a member of the  
27 armed forces who was a resident of this State at the time the parent:

28 (i) Died or was totally and permanently disabled as a result of  
29 military service after December 7, 1941; or

30 (ii) Was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action, if that  
31 occurred on or after January 1, 1960 as a result of the Vietnam conflict, and if the  
32 child was born prior to or while the parent was a prisoner of war or missing in action;



1                   (3)       Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or  
2 its equivalent in core curriculum courses as calculated and indicated on the high  
3 school transcript after the first semester of the senior year [from a] OF high school  
4 [in this State];

5       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2000.