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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **HOPE for Nontraditional Students - Community College Transfer**
3 **Scholarship Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Community College Transfer Scholarship
5 Program and providing for the award of scholarships under the Program;
6 establishing qualifications and requirements for the receipt and retention of an
7 award under the Program; requiring the State Scholarship Administration to
8 send a list of scholarship recipients to certain persons; providing for the funding
9 of the scholarship Program; and generally relating to the Community College
10 Transfer Scholarship Program.

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Education
13 Section 18-2401 through 18-2407, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
14 "Subtitle 24. HOPE for Nontraditional Students - Community College
15 Transfer Scholarship Program"
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

1 **Article - Education**

2 SUBTITLE 24. HOPE FOR NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS - COMMUNITY COLLEGE
3 TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

4 18-2401.

5 THERE IS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THE
6 STATE UNDER WHICH SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

7 18-2402.

8 A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS
9 SUBTITLE MAY BE USED ONLY AT A 4-YEAR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF
10 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

11 18-2403.

12 TO QUALIFY FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP, AN
13 APPLICANT SHALL:

14 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

15 (2) BE A STUDENT AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE;

16 (3) MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0
17 SCALE WHILE A STUDENT AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE;

18 (4) HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST 60 CREDITS AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE
19 IN THE STATE OR HAVE EARNED AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE BY THE END OF THE
20 SEMESTER IN WHICH THE APPLICANT PLANS TO TRANSFER;

21 (5) BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION IN A DEGREE PROGRAM AT A 4-YEAR
22 PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;

23 (6) INTEND TO ENROLL IN A 4-YEAR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION
24 OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE IN ORDER TO COMPLETE A BACHELOR'S
25 DEGREE PROGRAM;

26 (7) ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN THAT 4-YEAR INSTITUTION;

27 (8) HAVE AN ANNUAL TOTAL FAMILY INCOME OF NOT MORE THAN
28 \$80,000; AND

29 (9) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS OR SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL
30 CRITERIA THAT THE COMMISSION OR THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ESTABLISH.

31 18-2404.

32 (A) THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER
33 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE \$3,000.

1 (B) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED FOR
2 TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES.

3 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO
4 RETAIN A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP, THE RECIPIENT SHALL:

5 (I) REMAIN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

6 (II) CONTINUE TO BE ENROLLED AS AN UNDERGRADUATE
7 STUDENT IN A DEGREE PROGRAM AT A 4-YEAR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF
8 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;

9 (III) MAINTAIN A 3.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE EACH
10 ACADEMIC YEAR THE INDIVIDUAL IS ENROLLED AT A 4-YEAR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC
11 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE OR PROVIDE EVIDENCE
12 SATISFACTORY TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES; AND

13 (IV) MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS OF THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION
14 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENDS.

15 (2) A RECIPIENT OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP
16 AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL RECEIVE THE AWARD FOR EACH YEAR
17 THAT THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE IF THE RECIPIENT SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE
18 TIME OF THE INITIAL AWARD TO:

19 (I) REMAIN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AND:

20 1. CONTINUE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT AFTER
21 COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE
22 SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED; OR

23 2. COMMENCE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITHIN 1 YEAR
24 AFTER COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND THEREAFTER CONTINUE
25 EMPLOYMENT FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED;
26 AND

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

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

35 2. MAINTAIN STATE RESIDENCY AND SATISFY THE
36 EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

1 (3) THE RESIDENCY AND EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATION REQUIRED BY
2 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION BEGINS AFTER GRADUATION AND CANNOT BE
3 FULFILLED PRIOR TO GRADUATION FROM AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

4 18-2405.

5 ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SEND TO
6 EACH MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS IN
7 EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT TO WHOM COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER
8 SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED.

9 18-2406.

10 THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY
11 COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

12 18-2407.

13 FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
14 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL
15 BUDGET OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

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