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House action: Adopted
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CHAPTER _____

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; requiring certain repayment obligations for certain
10 programs administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission to be
11 calculated at a certain interest rate and in a certain manner; requiring certain
12 recipients to commence repayment obligations upon graduation or termination
13 from certain institutions; and generally relating to the Community College
14 Transfer Scholarship Program.

15 BY adding to
16 Article - Education
17 Section 18-112; and 18-2401 through 18-2407, inclusive, to be under the new
18 subtitle "Subtitle 24. HOPE for Nontraditional Students - Community
19 College Transfer Scholarship Program"
20 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

4 **Article - Education**

5 18-112.

6 (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, REPAYMENT
7 OBLIGATIONS INCURRED BY RECIPIENTS OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE,
8 SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, OR LOANS ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER
9 THIS TITLE SHALL BE CALCULATED AT AN INTEREST RATE EQUAL TO AND
10 MATCHING THE INTEREST RATE ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES
11 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN ON THE FIRST
12 DAY OF JULY OF EACH YEAR MINUS 1 PERCENT, WITH INTEREST NOT ACCRUING
13 PRIOR TO NOTIFICATION TO THE COMMISSION OF A RECIPIENT'S GRADUATION OR
14 TERMINATION FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

15 (B) A RECIPIENT SHALL COMMENCE REPAYMENT OBLIGATIONS INCURRED
16 UNDER THIS TITLE UPON GRADUATION OR TERMINATION FROM AN INSTITUTION OF
17 HIGHER EDUCATION.

18 SUBTITLE 24. HOPE FOR NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS - COMMUNITY COLLEGE
19 TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

20 18-2401.

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

23 18-2402.

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

27 18-2403.

28 TO QUALIFY FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP, AN
29 APPLICANT SHALL:

30 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

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

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

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

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

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

9 (7) ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN THAT 4-YEAR INSTITUTION:

10 (8) HAVE AN ANNUAL TOTAL FAMILY INCOME OF NOT MORE THAN
11 \$80,000; AND

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

14 18-2404.

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

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

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

21 (I) REMAIN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

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

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

29 (IV) MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS OF THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION
30 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENDS.

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

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

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

4 2. COMMENCE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITHIN 1 YEAR
5 AFTER COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND THEREAFTER CONTINUE
6 EMPLOYMENT FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED;
7 AND

8 (II) REPAY THE STATE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED UNDER THIS
9 ~~SUBTITLE AND SIMPLE INTEREST EQUAL TO THE PRIME RATE OF INTEREST PLUS 2~~
10 ~~PERCENT CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PAYMENT OF ANY AWARD~~
11 ~~RECEIVED BY THE RECIPIENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AS SET FORTH IN § 18-112 OF~~
12 THIS TITLE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

13 1. SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE
14 INSTITUTION OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE;
15 AND

16 2. MAINTAIN STATE RESIDENCY AND SATISFY THE
17 EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

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

21 18-2405.

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

26 18-2406.

27 THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY
28 COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

29 18-2407.

30 FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
31 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL
32 BUDGET OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

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

