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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Maryland Science-Technology Corps**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Science-Technology Corps for certain
4 students; providing for the awarding and the amounts of certain scholarships;
5 establishing the requirements for receiving a scholarship; requiring the State
6 Scholarship Administration to send each Senator and Delegate certain
7 information; providing for the funding of the scholarships; requiring the
8 Administration to publicize certain information; requiring the Higher Education
9 Commission to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally
10 relating to the Maryland Science-Technology Corps.

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Education

13 Section 18-2401 through 18-2408, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle

14 "Subtitle 24. Maryland Science-Technology Corps"

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (1999 Replacement Volume)

17 Preamble

18 WHEREAS, Teaching students, teachers, and other public school personnel to
19 access and use modern communications technology is rapidly becoming a vital part of
20 a public school's curriculum; and

21 WHEREAS, There is an acute shortage of qualified information systems
22 technicians in the Maryland public schools; and

23 WHEREAS, Information systems technicians are necessary to train students,
24 teachers, and other public school personnel to access and use modern communications
25 technology; and

26 WHEREAS, Maryland's community colleges provide a valuable resource for
27 training information systems technicians; and

1 WHEREAS, The General Assembly should encourage a high school graduate
2 who has the necessary interest and aptitude to train to become an information
3 systems technician and to work in the Maryland public schools; now, therefore,

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 SUBTITLE 24. MARYLAND SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY CORPS.

8 18-2401.

9 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
10 INDICATED.

11 (B) "ADMINISTRATION" MEANS THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION
12 AS DEFINED IN § 18-101(B) OF THIS TITLE.

13 (C) (1) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE PUBLIC
14 SCHOOL SYSTEM IN AN OCCUPATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO A SCIENCE AND
15 TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM OF STUDY, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

16 (2) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" DOES NOT INCLUDE PAID STUDENT
17 INTERNSHIPS, PAID FELLOWSHIPS, OR VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

18 18-2402.

19 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY CORPS, CONSISTING OF
20 STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM OF MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
21 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE STATE THAT ARE AWARDED
22 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

23 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ANNUALLY OFFER A SCHOLARSHIP TO
24 SELECTED STUDENTS TO BE USED AT A MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THEIR
25 CHOICE, IF THE RECIPIENT:

26 (1) INTENDS TO ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN A COMMUNITY
27 COLLEGE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AS DESIGNATED BY THE
28 COMMISSION;

29 (2) GRADUATES FROM A SECONDARY SCHOOL;

30 (3) IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

31 (4) IS ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION IN A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
32 PROGRAM IN A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE;

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

1 (6) ACCEPTS ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD AND
2 SATISFIES ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THAT THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.

3 (C) (1) THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF
4 THE FULL TUITION FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
5 PROGRAM AND ANY MANDATORY FEES.

6 (2) IF ACCEPTED BY THE STUDENT, EACH AWARD MAY BE RENEWED 1
7 YEAR AFTER THE ORIGINAL AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT:

8 (I) REMAINS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

9 (II) IS ENROLLED FULL TIME IN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
10 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AND TAKES AT LEAST 12 SEMESTER HOURS
11 OF COURSES EACH SEMESTER, OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE
12 ADMINISTRATION;

13 (III) IS MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE IN
14 THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMUNITY
15 COLLEGE; AND

16 (IV) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

17 (D) (1) A RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD MADE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL
18 RECEIVE THE AWARD FOR EACH YEAR IN WHICH THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE IF THE
19 RECIPIENT SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL AWARD TO:

20 (I) 1. COMMENCE EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL
21 SYSTEM WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER COMPLETION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
22 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AND REMAIN EMPLOYED BY THE STATE
23 PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS
24 AWARDED; OR

25 2. IF THE RECIPIENT PROCEEDS TO ENROLL FULL TIME IN
26 AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OBTAIN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE,
27 COMMENCE EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM WITHIN 3 YEARS
28 AFTER COMPLETION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
29 PROGRAM AND REMAIN EMPLOYED BY THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR 1
30 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED; OR

31 (II) REPAY THE STATE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED UNDER THIS
32 SUBTITLE AND SIMPLE INTEREST EQUAL TO THE PRIME RATE OF INTEREST PLUS 2
33 PERCENT CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PAYMENT OF THE GRANT
34 AWARD UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT
35 DOES NOT:

36 1. SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
37 COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM OR FULFILL OTHER
38 REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE; OR

