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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Loan Assistance Repayment Program**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain conditions that give individuals priority receiving
4 loan assistance under the Loan Assistance Repayment Program.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Education
7 Section 18-1503(a)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

12 **Article - Education**

13 18-1503.

14 (a) The State Scholarship Administration shall adopt regulations to establish:

15 (1) The maximum starting income for eligibility in the Loan Assistance
16 Repayment Program;

17 (2) The maximum total income for eligibility in the Loan Assistance
18 Repayment Program, including any additional sources of income;

19 (3) That priority for participation in the Program shall be given to an
20 individual who:

21 [(i) Graduated from an institution of higher education in the last 3
22 years;]

23 [(ii) (I) Is a resident of the State;

24 [(iii) (II) Is employed on a full-time basis; and

1 [(iv)] (III) Provides, as the principal part of the individual's
2 employment, [legal] PROFESSIONAL services to low income residents in the State,
3 RESIDENTS IN UNDERSERVED AREAS IN THE STATE, [who cannot afford legal
4 services,] OR nursing services in nursing shortage areas in the State as defined in §
5 18-802 of this article[, or other services in an eligible field of employment in which
6 there is a shortage of qualified practitioners to low income or underserved residents
7 or areas of the State];

8 (4) A limit on the total amount of assistance provided by the State
9 Scholarship Administration in repaying the loan of an eligible individual, based on
10 the individual's total income and outstanding higher education loan balance;

11 (5) A procedure and schedule for the payment of the amount of loan
12 assistance provided by the State Scholarship Administration to the eligible
13 individual; and

14 (6) An annual review of the eligibility of each individual participating in
15 the Program.

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