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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships -**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that an applicant must attend an eligible
5 Maryland higher education institution within a certain number of years of
6 completing high school or provide evidence of certain circumstances to qualify
7 for a certain science and technology scholarship; repealing a requirement that
8 an applicant must be a Maryland resident at the time of graduation from
9 secondary school to qualify for a certain science and technology scholarship;
10 providing that under certain circumstances the service obligation begins after
11 graduation from a graduate program; and generally relating to the Maryland
12 Science and Technology Scholarship Program.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - Education
15 Section 18-2002
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1999 Replacement Volume)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
19 Article - Education
20 Section 18-2001 and 18-2003 through 18-2007
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

1 **Article - Education**

2 18-2001.

3 In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (1) "Administration" means the State Scholarship Administration as
5 defined in § 18-101(b) of this title.

6 (2) "Regular undergraduate program" means an academic program of
7 study in an institution of higher education at or below the baccalaureate level leading
8 to either an associate's degree or bachelor's degree.

9 (3) (i) "Service obligation" means employment in the State in an
10 occupation directly related to the eligible program of study as determined by the
11 Maryland Higher Education Commission.

12 (ii) "Service obligation" does not mean paid student internships,
13 paid fellowships, or volunteer service.

14 18-2002.

15 (a) There is a program of Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships in
16 this State that are awarded under this subtitle. The Administration shall annually
17 select secondary school students who have the greatest potential for academic success
18 in higher education and offer a scholarship to each student to be used at a Maryland
19 higher education institution of their choice, if the recipient meets the following
20 qualifications:

21 (1) Qualifies academically as follows:

22 (i) Has a secondary school transcript indicating an overall
23 academic grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent grade
24 point average in core curriculum courses after completion of the first semester of the
25 senior year;

26 (ii) Intends to enroll as a full-time student in an academic program
27 as designated by the Maryland Higher Education Commission; and

28 (iii) Has graduated from a secondary school;

29 (2) Is a Maryland resident [and was a Maryland resident at the time of
30 graduating from secondary school];

31 (3) Is accepted for admission in a regular undergraduate program at a
32 Maryland higher education institution in the State;

33 [(4) Begins attending an eligible Maryland higher education institution
34 within 2 years of completing high school or, failing to do so, provides evidence
35 satisfactory to the State Scholarship Administration of extenuating circumstances;]

1 [(5)] (4) Agrees to the conditions provided in subsection (c) of this
2 section; and

3 [(6)] (5) Accepts any other conditions attached to the award and
4 satisfies any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

5 (b) (1) The annual scholarship award shall be in the amount of \$1,000 for a
6 student enrolled at a 2-year eligible institution or \$3,000 for a student enrolled at a
7 4-year eligible institution.

8 (2) If accepted by the eligible student, each award may be renewed on an
9 annual basis for a maximum of 3 years after the original award if the recipient:

10 (i) Remains a resident of the State;

11 (ii) Attends a Maryland higher education institution in the State;

12 (iii) Is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and takes at
13 least 12 semester hours of courses each semester or its equivalent as determined by
14 the Administration;

15 (iv) Maintains a 3.0 grade point average on an academic year basis
16 or, failing to do so, provides evidence satisfactory to the Administration, of extreme
17 extenuating circumstances;

18 (v) Is making satisfactory progress toward a degree as determined
19 by the institution; and

20 (vi) Maintains the standards of the institution.

21 (3) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, each
22 recipient of a Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship who is enrolled in a
23 baccalaureate degree program may renew the annual award four times if the
24 recipient is enrolled in an undergraduate academic program that, as determined by
25 the institution, requires 5 years to complete.

26 (4) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, each
27 award may be renewed on an annual basis for a maximum of 2 years for students
28 enrolled in an associate degree program.

29 (c) A recipient of an award made under this section shall receive the award for
30 each year indicated in which the recipient is eligible if:

31 (1) The recipient signs an agreement at the time of the initial award to:

32 (i) Commence employment in the State within 1 year after
33 completion of undergraduate studies for 1 year for each year that the scholarship was
34 awarded; and

35 (ii) Repay the State the amounts awarded under this subtitle and
36 simple interest equal to the prime rate of interest plus 2 percent calculated from the

1 date of the first payment of the grant award under this subtitle for any portion of the
2 award if the recipient does not:

3 1. Satisfy the degree requirements of the eligible academic
4 program or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle; and

5 2. Perform the service obligation for 1 year for each year that
6 the recipient has a scholarship awarded under this subtitle; and

7 (2) (I) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
8 PARAGRAPH, THE service obligation begins after graduation and cannot be fulfilled
9 prior to graduation from an eligible institution.

10 (II) IF THE RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED IN A GRADUATE DEGREE
11 PROGRAM AFTER COMPLETION OF AN UNDERGRADUATE BACCALAUREATE
12 PROGRAM, THE SERVICE OBLIGATION BEGINS AFTER GRADUATION FROM THE
13 GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM AND CANNOT BE FULFILLED PRIOR TO GRADUATION
14 FROM THE GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM.

15 18-2003.

16 A Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship may be used for tuition and
17 mandatory fees at any eligible institution.

18 18-2004.

19 Each year after consulting with the Department of Business and Economic
20 Development, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the
21 appropriate commission advisory boards and evaluating such factors as high
22 economic growth and the needs of Maryland's science and technology industry and
23 business community, the Commission shall establish a list of academic programs
24 eligible for the Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship Program.

25 18-2005.

26 Funds for the Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship Program shall be
27 as provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.

28 18-2006.

29 On or before May 1 of each year, the Administration shall send each Senator and
30 each Delegate a list of individuals in each legislative district to whom Maryland
31 Science and Technology Scholarships are awarded.

32 18-2007.

33 The State Scholarship Administration shall publicize the availability of
34 Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships.

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
36 July 1, 2000.

