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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Teacher Shortage Tuition and Fee Waivers**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring constituent institutions of the University System of  
4 Maryland, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College, and Maryland  
5 community colleges to waive the tuition and fees of students who agree to teach  
6 in Maryland public elementary and secondary schools in areas of teacher  
7 shortage; describing certain requirements for participating students; requiring  
8 tuition, fees, and interest to be paid under certain circumstances; and generally  
9 relating to teacher shortage tuition and fee waivers.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article - Education  
12 Section 13-704, 14-108, 14-409, and 16-106(e)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article - Education**

18 13-704.

19 (A) ANY STUDENT AT A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY  
20 SYSTEM OF MARYLAND WHO AGREES TO TEACH IN MARYLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY  
21 OR SECONDARY SCHOOL UPON GRADUATION SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF  
22 TUITION AND FEES.

23 (B) A STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A WAIVER OF TUITION AND FEES UNDER THIS  
24 SECTION SHALL:

25 (1) TEACH IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND SUBJECT AREAS THAT THE  
26 DEPARTMENT HAS IDENTIFIED AS EXPERIENCING TEACHER SHORTAGES; AND

27 (2) TEACH FOR AT LEAST THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT THE STUDENT  
28 RECEIVED THE TUITION AND FEE WAIVER.

1 (C) IF A STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A WAIVER OF TUITION AND FEES UNDER  
2 THIS SECTION DOES NOT COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
3 STUDENT SHALL PAY BACK THE TUITION AND FEES PLUS INTEREST, ACCORDING TO  
4 THE PREVAILING INTEREST RATE, FOR EACH YEAR OF NONCOMPLIANCE.

5 14-108.

6 (A) ANY STUDENT AT MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY WHO AGREES TO TEACH IN  
7 MARYLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL UPON GRADUATION  
8 SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES.

9 (B) A STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A WAIVER OF TUITION AND FEES UNDER THIS  
10 SECTION SHALL:

11 (1) TEACH IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND SUBJECT AREAS THAT THE  
12 DEPARTMENT HAS IDENTIFIED AS EXPERIENCING TEACHER SHORTAGES; AND

13 (2) TEACH FOR AT LEAST THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT THE STUDENT  
14 RECEIVED THE TUITION AND FEE WAIVER;

15 (C) IF A STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A WAIVER OF TUITION AND FEES UNDER  
16 THIS SECTION DOES NOT COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
17 STUDENT SHALL PAY BACK THE TUITION AND FEES PLUS INTEREST, ACCORDING TO  
18 THE PREVAILING INTEREST RATE, FOR EACH YEAR OF NONCOMPLIANCE.

19 14-409.

20 (A) ANY STUDENT AT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND WHO AGREES TO  
21 TEACH IN MARYLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL UPON  
22 GRADUATION SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES.

23 (B) A STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A WAIVER OF TUITION AND FEES UNDER THIS  
24 SECTION SHALL:

25 (1) TEACH IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND SUBJECT AREAS THAT THE  
26 DEPARTMENT HAS IDENTIFIED AS EXPERIENCING TEACHER SHORTAGES; AND

27 (2) TEACH FOR AT LEAST THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT THE STUDENT  
28 RECEIVED THE TUITION AND FEE WAIVER.

29 (C) IF A STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A WAIVER OF TUITION AND FEES UNDER  
30 THIS SECTION DOES NOT COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
31 STUDENT SHALL PAY BACK THE TUITION AND FEES PLUS INTEREST, ACCORDING TO  
32 THE PREVAILING INTEREST RATE, FOR EACH YEAR OF NONCOMPLIANCE.

33 16-106.

34 (E) (1) ANY STUDENT AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN MARYLAND WHO  
35 AGREES TO TEACH IN MARYLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL  
36 UPON GRADUATION SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES.

1                   (2)     A STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A WAIVER OF TUITION AND FEES UNDER  
2 THIS SECTION SHALL:

3                   (I)     TEACH IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND SUBJECT AREAS THAT THE  
4 DEPARTMENT HAS IDENTIFIED AS EXPERIENCING TEACHER SHORTAGES; AND

5                   (II)    TEACH FOR AT LEAST THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT THE  
6 STUDENT RECEIVED THE TUITION AND FEE WAIVER.

7                   (3)     IF A STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A WAIVER OF TUITION AND FEES  
8 UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,  
9 THE STUDENT SHALL PAY BACK THE TUITION AND FEES PLUS INTEREST,  
10 ACCORDING TO THE PREVAILING INTEREST RATE, FOR EACH YEAR OF  
11 NONCOMPLIANCE.

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