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House Bill 32 (Delegate Leonold. *et al.*)

Appropriations

Higher Education - Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program

This bill provides that a scholarship awarded under the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program may not be less than the lesser of \$3,000 or the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a resident of the institution attended by the recipient of the scholarship.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Overall funding levels for the scholarship program would not be directly affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Section 18-601 of the Education Article establishes the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program, which provides scholarships for:

- children of members of the armed services who were killed or permanently disabled in combat, or who were declared to be prisoners of war or missing in action;
- prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict;

- children and surviving spouses of State or local public safety employees killed in the line of duty; and
- disabled public safety employees.

An award may not exceed the equivalent annual tuition and fees of a resident undergraduate at the University of Maryland, College Park.

State Fiscal Effect: The bill could alter the distribution of awards under the Conroy Scholarship Program in future years, but would not directly affect scholarship funding levels.

The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) advises that for fiscal 2000, 57 students qualified for the program. A total of \$158,757 was awarded to these students, for an average annual award amount of \$2,785. The fiscal 2001 budget contains \$214,944 in general funds for the Conroy Scholarship Program. This appropriation would provide for 71 awards of over \$3,000 each.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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