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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Maryland Teacher Scholarships - Terms and Conditions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the amounts awarded under the program of Maryland
4 teacher scholarships to certain students who pursue certain courses of study at
5 certain institutions of higher education; altering the service obligation for a
6 Maryland teacher scholarship recipient; altering the uses of a Maryland teacher
7 scholarship; altering a certain definition; requiring the State Department of
8 Education to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly;
9 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to Maryland
10 teacher scholarships.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Education
13 Section 18-2201(b), 18-2204, 18-2205, and 18-2207
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article - Education
18 Section 18-2201(c), 18-2202, and 18-2203(b)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
22 Article - Education
23 Section 18-2211
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Education**

2 18-2201.

3 (b) "Eligible institution" means [a]:

4 (1) A public or private institution of higher education in this State that
5 possesses a certificate of approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission;
6 OR7 (2) AN OUT-OF-STATE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
8 EDUCATION THAT:9 (I) IS ACCREDITED BY AN ACCREDITING COMMISSION IN ONE OF
10 THE REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS;11 (II) PARTICIPATES IN THE INTERSTATE CERTIFICATION COMPACT
12 PROGRAM OR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ACCREDITATION OF TEACHER
13 EDUCATION PROGRAM; OR14 (III) OFFERS CURRICULUM THAT IS ACCEPTED BY THE STATE IN
15 WHICH THE INSTITUTION IS LOCATED FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION PURPOSES.16 (c) (1) "Service obligation" means to teach full time in the State as a teacher
17 in a Maryland public elementary or secondary school.18 (2) "Service obligation" does not mean employment as teaching
19 assistants, volunteer service, paid fellowships, or internships.

20 18-2202.

21 There is a program of Maryland teacher scholarships that are awarded under
22 this subtitle for students who pledge to work as public elementary and secondary
23 school teachers in this State upon completion of their studies.

24 18-2203.

25 (b) A recipient of the Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall:

26 (1) Be a Maryland resident;

27 (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, be accepted for
28 admission as a full-time student or be currently enrolled at an eligible institution as
29 a full-time student pursuing a course of study or program in an academic discipline
30 leading to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;31 (3) (i) For a student currently enrolled in high school, have earned a
32 cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent in core
33 curriculum courses at the time of application; or

1 (ii) For a student currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate
2 student, have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and have
3 been making satisfactory progress toward a degree in an academic discipline leading
4 to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

5 (4) Sign a letter of intent to perform the service obligation upon
6 completion of the recipient's required studies;

7 (5) Accept any other conditions attached to the award; and

8 (6) Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

9 18-2204.

10 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the recipient of a
11 Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall repay the Commission the funds received as set
12 forth in § 18-112 of this title if the recipient does not:

13 (1) Satisfy the degree requirements of the eligible course of study or
14 program or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle;

15 (2) Perform the service obligation for [1 year] 2 YEARS for each year that
16 the recipient has a scholarship awarded under this subtitle; and

17 (3) Become professionally certified to teach in the State of Maryland
18 within the time period specified by the Commission in consultation with the
19 Maryland Department of Education.

20 (b) The Administration shall forgive a recipient of a Maryland Teacher
21 Scholarship for 2 years of an award if:

22 (1) The recipient has taken the teacher certification examination,
23 approved by the State Board of Education, in 2 consecutive years; and

24 (2) The recipient fails to pass the teacher certification examination
25 within the time period specified by the Commission in accordance with subsection
26 (a)(3) of this section.

27 18-2205.

28 The annual scholarship award shall be [in the amount of \$2,000 for a student
29 enrolled at a 2-year eligible institution or \$5,000 for a student enrolled in a 4-year
30 eligible institution] EQUAL TO THE COST OF TUITION, BOOKS, MANDATORY FEES,
31 AND ROOM AND BOARD.

32 18-2207.

33 A Maryland teacher scholarship may be used for tuition [and], BOOKS,
34 mandatory fees, AND ROOM AND BOARD at any eligible institution.

1 18-2211.

2 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT BY JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR A REPORT TO THE
3 GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
4 ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EVALUATING THE IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM OF
5 MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS ON MARYLAND'S TEACHER RECRUITMENT
6 PROGRAM.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 10 years and, at the end of June
9 30, 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
10 abrogated and of no further force and effect.