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By: **The Speaker (Administration) and Delegates Bohanan, Carlson,
D'Amato, Finifter, Healey, Hixson, Howard, Phillips, Proctor, Rudolph,
Shriver, and Turner**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Student Financial Assistance - Maryland Teacher**
3 **Scholarship**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility requirements for the Maryland Teacher
5 Scholarship to certain part-time students who are pursuing a graduate degree
6 in teaching; and generally relating to the Maryland Teacher Scholarship
7 program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Education
10 Section 18-2203 and 18-2205
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 18-2203.

17 (a) The Administration shall annually select eligible students and offer a
18 scholarship to each student selected to be used at an eligible institution of their
19 choice.

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

21 (1) Be a Maryland resident;

22 (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, be accepted for
23 admission [as a full-time student or be] OR currently enrolled at an eligible
24 institution as a full-time UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT OR A FULL-TIME OR
25 PART-TIME GRADUATE student pursuing a course of study or program in an academic
26 discipline leading to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

1 (3) (i) For a student currently enrolled in high school, have earned a
2 cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent in core
3 curriculum courses at the time of application; or

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

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

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

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

12 (c) A recipient of the Maryland Teacher Scholarship may not[:

13 (1) Be currently enrolled in an eligible institution;

14 (2) Be a college graduate; or

15 (3) Hold] HOLD a Maryland professional teacher's certificate.

16 (d) (1) Applicants who are secondary school students shall provide a high
17 school transcript after completion of the first semester of their senior year.

18 (2) Applicants who are currently enrolled in an eligible institution shall
19 provide the most recent college transcript, or if not applicable, the applicant may
20 submit a final high school transcript.

21 (3) Applicants who are not currently enrolled in an eligible institution,
22 but who are high school graduates shall provide a final high school transcript.

23 (4) Applicants who are high school graduates and are not currently
24 enrolled in an eligible institution, but have completed some courses at an eligible
25 institution, shall provide the most recent college transcript.

26 (5) Applicants who are not currently enrolled in an eligible institution,
27 but who are college graduates shall provide a final college transcript.

28 18-2205.

29 The annual scholarship award shall be in the amount of:

30 (1) \$2,000 for [a] AN UNDERGRADUATE student enrolled at a 2-year
31 eligible institution; [or]

32 (2) \$5,000 for a FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE student
33 enrolled in a 4-year eligible institution; OR

1 (3) \$2,500 FOR A PART-TIME GRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLED AT A
2 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
4 effect July 1, 2001.