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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - ~~Maryland~~ HOPE Scholarships - Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing to a certain amount the maximum total family income  
4 for a recipient of a Maryland HOPE Scholarship or a HOPE Community College  
5 Transfer Scholarship; and generally relating to ~~Maryland~~ HOPE Scholarships.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Education  
8 Section 18-2303(b) and 18-2503  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Education**

14 18-2303.

15 (b) Each recipient of a Maryland HOPE Scholarship shall:

16 (1) Be accepted for admission in a regular undergraduate program at an  
17 eligible institution in the State;

18 (2) Be a resident of the State;

1           (3)     Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or  
2 its equivalent in core curriculum courses as calculated and indicated on the high  
3 school transcript after the first semester of the senior year of high school;

4           (4)     Begin attending an eligible institution within 2 years of completing  
5 high school or, failing to do so, provide evidence satisfactory to the Administration of  
6 extenuating circumstances;

7           (5)     Enroll as a full-time student at an eligible institution;

8           (6)     Have an annual total family income of [\$80,000] \$95,000 or below;

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

10          (8)     Satisfy any additional criteria the Maryland Higher Education  
11 Commission may establish.

12 18-2503.

13     To qualify for a Community College Transfer Scholarship, an applicant shall:

14           (1)     Be a resident of the State;

15           (2)     Be a student at a community college in the State;

16           (3)     Maintain a cumulative 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale while a  
17 student at a community college in the State;

18           (4)     Have completed at least 60 credits at a community college in the  
19 State or have earned an Associate's Degree by the end of the semester in which the  
20 applicant plans to transfer;

21           (5)     Be accepted for admission in a degree program at a 4-year private or  
22 public institution of higher education in the State;

23           (6)     Intend to enroll in a 4-year private or public institution of higher  
24 education in the State in order to complete a Bachelor's Degree Program;

25           (7)     Enroll as a full-time student in that 4-year institution;

26           (8)     Have an annual total family income of not more than [\$80,000]  
27 \$95,000; and

28           (9)     Accept any other conditions or satisfy any additional criteria that the  
29 Commission or the Administration may establish.

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

