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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Teachers - Career Change and Teaching Assistants**
3 **Scholarships**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Career Change Teacher Scholarships
5 program for certain students; providing for the award of a Career Change
6 Teacher Scholarship; establishing the requirements for receiving a Career
7 Change Teacher Scholarship; providing for repayment of a Career Change
8 Teacher Scholarship under certain circumstances; providing for renewal of a
9 Career Change Teacher Scholarship; providing for the use of a Career Change
10 Teacher Scholarship; providing for the funding for a Career Change Teacher
11 Scholarship; establishing the Maryland Teacher Scholarships for Teaching
12 Assistants program for certain students; providing for the award of a Teacher
13 Scholarship for Teaching Assistants; establishing the requirements for receiving
14 a Teacher Scholarship for Teaching Assistants; providing for repayment of a
15 Teacher Scholarship for Teaching Assistants under certain circumstances;
16 providing for renewal of a Teacher Scholarship for Teaching Assistants;
17 providing for the use of a Teacher Scholarship for Teaching Assistants; providing
18 for the funding for a Teacher Scholarship for Teaching Assistants; establishing
19 that a Teacher Scholarship for Teaching Assistants recipient may not hold
20 certain other scholarships; creating an exception to the requirement that an
21 Educational Excellence Award recipient may not hold any other scholarship;
22 requiring the Higher Education Commission to adopt certain regulations and
23 publicize certain scholarships; defining certain terms; and generally relating to
24 teacher scholarships.

25 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
26 Article - Education
27 Section 18-303(a)
28 Annotated Code of Maryland
29 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

1 BY adding to
2 Article - Education
3 Section 18-22A-01 through 18-22A-09, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
4 "Subtitle 22A. Maryland Career Change Teacher Scholarships"; and
5 18-22B-01 through 18-22B-10, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
6 "Subtitle 22B. Maryland Teacher Scholarships for Teaching Assistants"
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

11 **Article - Education**

12 18-303.

13 (a) The recipient of an Educational Excellence Award may not hold any other
14 scholarship awarded under this title except for:

15 (1) An Economic Development Student Assistance Grant awarded under
16 § 18-701 of this title;

17 (2) A Distinguished Scholar Award under § 18-1101 of this title;

18 (3) A Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship awarded under §
19 18-2001 of this title;

20 (4) A Maryland Teacher Scholarship awarded under § 18-2202 of this
21 title; [and]

22 (5) A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS
23 UNDER § 18-22B-02 OF THIS TITLE; AND

24 (6) A Maryland HOPE Scholarship awarded under § 18-2302 of this
25 title.

26 SUBTITLE 22A. MARYLAND CAREER CHANGE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS.

27 18-22A-01.

28 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
29 INDICATED.

30 (B) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE GRADUATE
31 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT POSSESSES A
32 CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION.

33 (C) (1) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS TO TEACH FULL-TIME IN THE STATE
34 AS A TEACHER IN A MARYLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL.

1 (2) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" DOES NOT INCLUDE EMPLOYMENT AS A
2 TEACHING ASSISTANT, VOLUNTEER SERVICE, A PAID FELLOWSHIP, OR AN
3 INTERNSHIP.

4 18-22A-02.

5 THERE IS A PROGRAM OF MARYLAND CAREER CHANGE TEACHER
6 SCHOLARSHIPS THAT ARE AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO GRADUATES OF AN
7 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO:

8 (1) ENROLL IN A GRADUATE COURSE OF STUDY OR PROGRAM IN AN
9 ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE THAT LEADS TO A MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL TEACHER'S
10 CERTIFICATE; AND

11 (2) PLEDGE TO WORK AS A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL
12 TEACHER IN THIS STATE ON GRADUATION.

13 18-22A-03.

14 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION ANNUALLY SHALL SELECT ELIGIBLE PERSONS AND
15 OFFER A SCHOLARSHIP TO EACH PERSON SELECTED TO BE USED AT AN ELIGIBLE
16 INSTITUTION OF THE PERSON'S CHOICE.

17 (B) A RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND CAREER CHANGE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP
18 SHALL:

19 (1) BE A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

20 (2) BE A GRADUATE OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

21 (3) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, BE ACCEPTED FOR
22 ADMISSION AS A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STUDENT PURSUING A GRADUATE
23 COURSE OF STUDY OR PROGRAM IN AN ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE LEADING TO A
24 MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE;

25 (4) SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION
26 ON GRADUATION;

27 (5) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD; AND

28 (6) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY
29 ESTABLISH.

30 (C) A RECIPIENT OF THE MARYLAND CAREER CHANGE TEACHER
31 SCHOLARSHIP MAY NOT:

32 (1) BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; OR

33 (2) HOLD A MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE.

1 (D) (1) APPLICANTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED SOME COURSES AT AN
2 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE THE MOST RECENT TRANSCRIPT FROM THE
3 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

4 (2) APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ELIGIBLE
5 INSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE A FINAL UNDERGRADUATE TRANSCRIPT.

6 18-22A-04.

7 THE RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND CAREER CHANGE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP
8 SHALL REPAY THE COMMISSION THE FUNDS RECEIVED AS SET FORTH IN § 18-112 OF
9 THIS TITLE IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

10 (1) SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE COURSE OF
11 STUDY OR PROGRAM OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS
12 SUBTITLE;

13 (2) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR
14 THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; OR

15 (3) BECOME PROFESSIONALLY CERTIFIED TO TEACH IN THE STATE
16 WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION IN CONSULTATION WITH
17 THE DEPARTMENT.

18 18-22A-05.

19 THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF:

20 (1) \$5,000 FOR A FULL-TIME STUDENT; OR

21 (2) AN APPROPRIATE EQUIVALENT AMOUNT FOR A PART-TIME
22 STUDENT, AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

23 18-22A-06.

24 EACH RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND CAREER CHANGE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP
25 MAY RENEW THE AWARD IF THE RECIPIENT:

26 (1) CONTINUES TO BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

27 (2) CONTINUES TO BE A STUDENT AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AND
28 TAKES AT LEAST 12 SEMESTER HOURS OF COURSES EACH SEMESTER OR ITS
29 EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

30 (3) HAS ACHIEVED A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST
31 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE AND MAINTAINS THIS MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT
32 AVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE AWARD OR, FAILING TO DO SO,
33 PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

34 (4) IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, IS MAKING
35 SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE; AND

1 (5) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

2 18-22A-07.

3 A MARYLAND CAREER CHANGE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED FOR
4 TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

5 18-22A-08.

6 FUNDS FOR THE MARYLAND CAREER CHANGE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS
7 PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY
8 THE GOVERNOR.

9 18-22A-09.

10 THE COMMISSION SHALL:

11 (1) ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE;
12 AND

13 (2) PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF MARYLAND CAREER CHANGE
14 TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS.

15 SUBTITLE 22B. MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS.

16 18-22B-01.

17 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
18 INDICATED.

19 (B) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF
20 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL
21 FROM THE COMMISSION.

22 (C) (1) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS TO TEACH FULL-TIME IN THE STATE
23 AS A TEACHER IN A MARYLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL.

24 (2) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" DOES NOT INCLUDE EMPLOYMENT AS A
25 TEACHING ASSISTANT, VOLUNTEER SERVICE, A PAID FELLOWSHIP, OR AN
26 INTERNSHIP.

27 18-22B-02.

28 THERE IS A PROGRAM OF MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHING
29 ASSISTANTS THAT ARE AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR TEACHING
30 ASSISTANTS WHO:

31 (1) ENROLL FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME AS STUDENTS IN AN ELIGIBLE
32 INSTITUTION; AND

1 (2) PLEDGE TO WORK AS PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
2 SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE STATE ON GRADUATION.

3 18-22B-03.

4 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION ANNUALLY SHALL SELECT ELIGIBLE TEACHING
5 ASSISTANTS AND STUDENTS AND OFFER A SCHOLARSHIP TO EACH PERSON
6 SELECTED TO BE USED AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF THE PERSON'S CHOICE.

7 (B) A RECIPIENT OF THE MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR TEACHING
8 ASSISTANTS SHALL:

9 (1) BE A MARYLAND RESIDENT;

10 (2) HAVE BEEN A TEACHING ASSISTANT IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 2
11 YEARS;

12 (3) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, BE ACCEPTED FOR
13 ADMISSION AS A FULL-TIME OR A PART-TIME STUDENT, OR BE CURRENTLY
14 ENROLLED AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AS A FULL-TIME OR A PART-TIME
15 STUDENT, PURSUING A COURSE OF STUDY OR PROGRAM IN AN ACADEMIC
16 DISCIPLINE LEADING TO A MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE;

17 (4) FOR A STUDENT CURRENTLY ENROLLED AS AN UNDERGRADUATE
18 STUDENT, HAVE MAINTAINED A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0
19 SCALE AND HAVE BEEN MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE IN A
20 COURSE OF STUDY OR PROGRAM IN AN ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE LEADING TO A
21 MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE;

22 (5) SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION
23 ON GRADUATION;

24 (6) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD; AND

25 (7) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY
26 ESTABLISH.

27 (C) A RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR TEACHING
28 ASSISTANTS MAY NOT:

29 (1) BE A COLLEGE GRADUATE; OR

30 (2) HOLD A MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE.

31 (D) (1) AN APPLICANT WHO IS A SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATE AND IS
32 NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE A
33 SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.

34 (2) AN APPLICANT WHO IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ELIGIBLE
35 INSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE THE MOST RECENT UNDERGRADUATE TRANSCRIPT.

1 (3) AN APPLICANT WHO IS A SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATE AND IS
2 NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, BUT HAS COMPLETED
3 SOME COURSES AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, SHALL PROVIDE THE MOST RECENT
4 UNDERGRADUATE TRANSCRIPT.

5 18-22B-04.

6 THE RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR TEACHING
7 ASSISTANTS SHALL REPAY THE COMMISSION THE FUNDS RECEIVED AS SET FORTH
8 IN § 18-112 OF THIS TITLE IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

9 (1) SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE COURSE OF
10 STUDY OR PROGRAM OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS
11 SUBTITLE;

12 (2) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH
13 FULL-TIME CREDIT YEAR, OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE
14 ADMINISTRATION, THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER
15 THIS SUBTITLE; OR

16 (3) BECOME PROFESSIONALLY CERTIFIED TO TEACH IN THE STATE
17 WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSION IN CONSULTATION WITH
18 THE DEPARTMENT.

19 18-22B-05.

20 THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF:

21 (1) \$2,000 FOR A FULL-TIME STUDENT ENROLLED AT A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE
22 INSTITUTION;

23 (2) \$5,000 FOR A FULL-TIME STUDENT ENROLLED IN A 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE
24 INSTITUTION; OR

25 (3) AN APPROPRIATE EQUIVALENT AMOUNT FOR A PART-TIME
26 STUDENT IN A 2-YEAR OR 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, AS DETERMINED BY THE
27 ADMINISTRATION.

28 18-22B-06.

29 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, EACH
30 RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS
31 MAY RENEW THE AWARD THREE TIMES IF THE RECIPIENT:

32 (1) CONTINUES TO BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

33 (2) CONTINUES TO BE A FULL-TIME STUDENT AT AN ELIGIBLE
34 INSTITUTION AND TAKES AT LEAST 12 SEMESTER HOURS OF COURSES EACH
35 SEMESTER OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

1 (3) HAS ACHIEVED A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST
2 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE AND MAINTAINS THIS MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT
3 AVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE AWARD OR, FAILING TO DO SO,
4 PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

5 (4) IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, IS MAKING
6 SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE; AND

7 (5) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

8 (B) (1) EACH RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR
9 TEACHING ASSISTANTS WHO IS ENROLLED IN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM AS
10 ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY RENEW THE AWARD TWO TIMES IF THE
11 RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED IN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM THAT, AS
12 DETERMINED BY THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, REQUIRES 3 YEARS TO COMPLETE.

13 (2) EACH RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR
14 TEACHING ASSISTANTS MAY RENEW THE ANNUAL AWARD FOUR TIMES IF THE
15 RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED IN A COURSE OF STUDY THAT, AS DETERMINED BY THE
16 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, REQUIRES 5 YEARS TO COMPLETE.

17 (3) EACH PART-TIME RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHER
18 SCHOLARSHIP FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS MAY RENEW THE ANNUAL AWARD AS
19 REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A PARTICULAR COURSE OF STUDY, AS DETERMINED BY
20 THE ADMINISTRATION.

21 18-22B-07.

22 A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS MAY BE
23 USED FOR TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

24 18-22B-08.

25 EXCEPT FOR AN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD UNDER § 18-301 OF THIS
26 TITLE OR A DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD UNDER § 18-1101 OF THIS TITLE, A
27 RECIPIENT OF A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS
28 MAY NOT HOLD ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS TITLE.

29 18-22B-09.

30 FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM OF MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
31 TEACHING ASSISTANTS SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE
32 COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

33 18-22B-10.

34 THE COMMISSION SHALL:

35 (1) ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE;
36 AND

1 (2) PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF MARYLAND TEACHER
2 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS.

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