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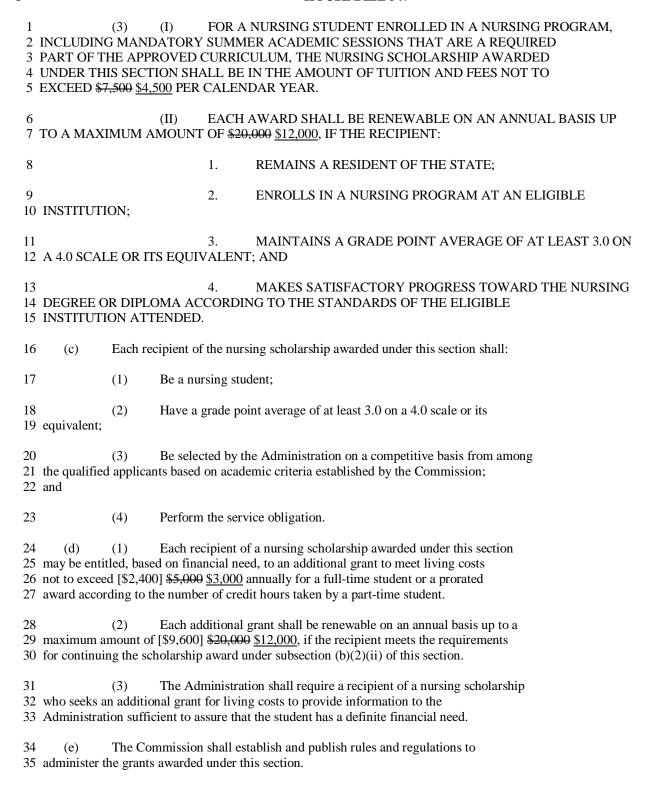
## 1 AN ACT concerning

## 2 Higher Education - Nursing Scholarships - Awards

- 3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum annual award and the maximum total
- 4 award for a nursing scholarship under the program of Economic Development
- 5 Student Assistance Grants; increasing the maximum annual award and the
- 6 maximum total award for an additional grant that may be awarded to nursing
- 7 scholarship recipients under the program; increasing the maximum award for a
- 8 nursing scholarship for certain nursing students; and generally relating to
- 9 nursing scholarships under the program of Economic Development Student
- 10 Assistance Grants.
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 12 Article Education
- 13 Section 18-706
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
- 16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1	Article - Education
2	18-706.
3	(a) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
6	(1) "Eligible organization" means an institution, including a licensed hospital, nursing home, adult day care center, public health agency, home health agency, or other organization authorized by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.
8 9	(2) "Eligible institution" means an institution of postsecondary education:
10 11	(i) Approved to operate by the Maryland Higher Education Commission; and
12	(ii) That awards nursing degrees or diplomas.
	(3) "Nursing shortage area" means a recognized area of nursing service or specialization determined by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to be an area where there exists a shortage of qualified nurses in eligible organizations.
16 17	(4) "Nursing student" means a student enrolled in a postsecondary nursing education degree or diploma program at an eligible institution.
18 19	(5) "Service obligation" means employment as a nurse in a nursing shortage area in an eligible organization.
20 21	(b) (1) Economic Development Student Assistance Grants may be awarded as scholarships for nursing students in nursing shortage areas.
24	(2) (i) The nursing scholarship awarded under this section shall be in the amount of tuition and fees not to exceed [\$2,400] \$5,000 \$3,000 annually for a full-time student or a prorated award according to the number of credit hours taken by a part-time student.
26 27	(ii) Each award shall be renewable on an annual basis up to a maximum amount of [\$9,600] \$20,000 \$12,000, if the recipient:
28	1. Remains a resident of this State;
29	2. Enrolls in an eligible institution;
30 31	3. Maintains a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent; and
32 33	4. Makes satisfactory progress toward the nursing degree or diploma according to the standards of the eligible institution attended.

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- 1 (f) Funds for the nursing scholarships awarded under this section shall be as 2 provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.
- 3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 4 June 1, 2001.