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By: **Delegate Cryor**
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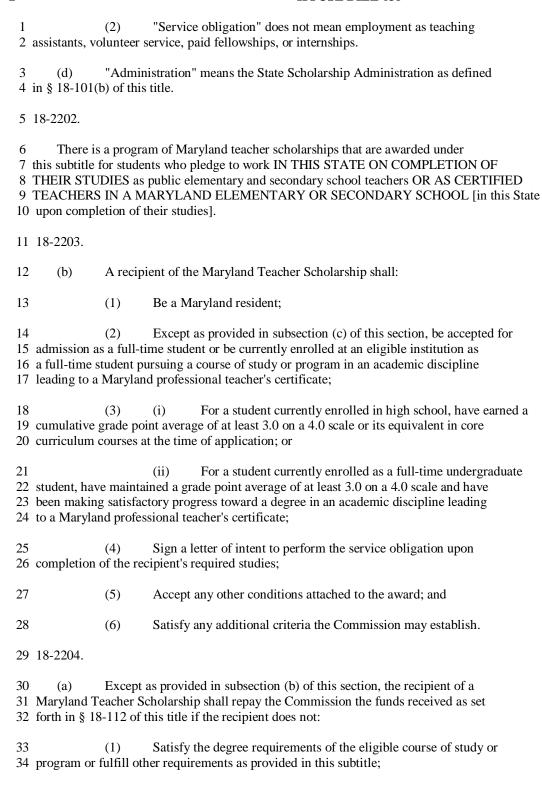Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2   **Higher Education - Maryland Teacher Scholarships - Service Obligation**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the program of Maryland teacher scholarships to
4   include all students who pledge to be certified as teachers and to work in
5   elementary and secondary schools in the State; altering a certain definition; and
6   generally relating to the program of Maryland teacher scholarships.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8   Article - Education
9   Section 18-2201 and 18-2202
10   Annotated Code of Maryland
11   (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13   Article - Education
14   Section 18-2203(b) and 18-2204(a)
15   Annotated Code of Maryland
16   (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

19   **Article - Education**

20 18-2201.

21   (a)   In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22   (b)   "Eligible institution" means a public or private institution of higher
23 education in this State that possesses a certificate of approval from the Maryland
24 Higher Education Commission.

25   (c)   (1)   "Service obligation" means to teach full time in the State as a teacher
26 in a Maryland public elementary or secondary school OR AS A CERTIFIED TEACHER IN
27 A MARYLAND ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL.

1   (2)   "Service obligation" does not mean employment as teaching
2 assistants, volunteer service, paid fellowships, or internships.

3   (d)   "Administration" means the State Scholarship Administration as defined
4 in § 18-101(b) of this title.

5 18-2202.

6   There is a program of Maryland teacher scholarships that are awarded under
7 this subtitle for students who pledge to work IN THIS STATE ON COMPLETION OF
8 THEIR STUDIES as public elementary and secondary school teachers OR AS CERTIFIED
9 TEACHERS IN A MARYLAND ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL [in this State
10 upon completion of their studies].

11 18-2203.

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

13   (1)   Be a Maryland resident;

14   (2)   Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, be accepted for
15 admission as a full-time student or be currently enrolled at an eligible institution as
16 a full-time student pursuing a course of study or program in an academic discipline
17 leading to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

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

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

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

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

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

29 18-2204.

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

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

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

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

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