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CHAPTER

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Higher Education - Financial Assistance - Nursing Students

- 3 FOR the purpose of providing certain exceptions to the prohibition on allowing
- 4 recipients of certain nursing scholarships under the Economic Development
- 5 Assistance Grants Program to receive certain other State-sponsored financial
- 6 assistance.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 8 Article Education
- 9 Section 18-701
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 13 Article Education
- 14 Section 18-706
- 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:

1 **Article - Education** 2 18-701. 3 (a) There is a program of Economic Development Student Assistance Grants 4 awarded under this subtitle for students who pledge to work in fields of geographic or 5 critical shortage in this State upon completion of their studies. The purpose of the Program is to: 6 (b) 7 Provide financial assistance to students enrolled at institutions of (1) 8 higher education in the State; and 9 (2)Address the economic development needs of the State. 10 Subject to subsection (c-1) of this section, a recipient of an Economic 11 Development Student Assistance Grant under this subtitle shall: 12 (1) Be a resident of the State; 13 Be selected by the Administration from qualified applicants based on 14 standards established and approved by the Commission; 15 Sign a letter of intent to enroll at an eligible institution in the State 16 in an eligible program as specified for each field in which there is a geographic or critical shortage in this State as provided in this subtitle; 18 Furnish a guaranteed promissory note to the Commission or its 19 designee with security satisfactory to the Commission; 20 After completion of studies in an eligible program, perform the 21 service obligation as specified for each field in which there is a geographic or critical 22 shortage as provided in this subtitle; and 23 Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish. (6)The provisions of subsection (c)(4) of this section may be waived by the 24 25 Commission when a recipient is undergoing extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Commission. 27 Except [for Educational Excellence Awards granted under § 18-301 (d) 28 of this title] AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, a recipient of a 29 grant under this subtitle may not receive any other form of State-sponsored financial 30 assistance. 31 A RECIPIENT OF A GRANT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY RECEIVE 32 AN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD GRANTED UNDER § 18-301 OF THIS TITLE. A RECIPIENT OF A NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER § 34 18-706 OF THIS SUBTITLE ALSO MAY RECEIVE:

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1 2	1 1. A SENA 2 SUBTITLE 4 OF THIS TITLE;	TORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER
3	3 2. A DELE 4 OF THIS TITLE; AND	GATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER SUBTITLE 5
5 6	5 3. A DISTI 6 SUBTITLE 11 OF THIS TITLE.	NGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD GRANTED UNDER
	7 (e) (1) The recipient of an Econor 8 shall repay the Commission the funds received as 9 the recipient does not:	nic Development Student Assistance Grant set forth in § 18-112 of this title if
10 11	10 (i) Complete the spe 11 certification required, or fulfill other requiremen	cified degree, attain the licensure or as as provided in this subtitle; and
	12 (ii) Perform the servi- 13 this subtitle for 1 year for each year that the recip 14 subtitle.	ce obligation as specified in each section of pient has a grant awarded under this
	15 (2) (i) Except as otherwi- 16 shall waive the repayment of the grant award at to 17 the recipient performs the service obligation.	se provided in this section, the Administration he rate of 1 year for each year that
18 19	18 (ii) A recipient shall 19 that the recipient is no longer performing the ser	begin repayment at any time during the period vice obligation.
20 21	20 (3) A recipient may delay repa 21 student enrolled at least part time in a degree-gra	yment as long as the recipient remains a nting program.
	22 (4) Except as otherwise provide 23 made to the State within 6 years after the repayment 24 a repayment schedule established by the Admini	
	25 (5) The Administration may w 26 disability or extended sickness which prevents th 27 obligation required under this subtitle.	aive or defer repayment in the event of e recipient from fulfilling the service
30 31	28 (f) The repayment of the grant award be 29 the provisions of this subtitle to begin repayment 30 employment that fulfills the service obligation shall this subtitle, at a rate of 1 year for each year that 32 obligation.	all be forgiven, for the purposes of
33 34	33 (g) The Commission may adopt guideli 34 implement this subtitle.	nes or regulations necessary to
	35 (h) (1) The Commission may restr 36 Student Assistance Grants Program, as necessary 37 shortages under the Program.	ructure an existing Economic Development , to address the existing critical

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1 2	changes unde	(2) er paragra				regulation	ns necessar	y to implemen	t any
3	implemented	(3) under the			shall notify	the Gene	ral Assemb	oly of any char	nges
5 6	(i) Funds for the Economic Development Student Assistance Grants Program shall be as provided in the annual budget of the Commission by the Governor.								
7	18-706.								
8	(a)	In this se	ection the	followin	ng words ha	ve the mea	anings indi	cated.	
11	(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.								
13 14	education:	(2)	"Eligible	instituti	on" means a	an instituti	on of posts	secondary	
15 16	Commission	; and	(i)	Approve	ed to operate	e by the M	Iaryland Hi	gher Educatio	n
17			(ii)	That awa	ards nursing	g degrees o	or diplomas	S.	
	or specializa area where th		rmined by	y the Sec	retary of He	ealth and I	Mental Hyg		vice
21 22	1 (4) "Nursing student" means a student enrolled in a postsecondary 2 nursing education degree or diploma program at an eligible institution.								
23 24	shortage area	(5) a in an eli		_		employme	nt as a nurs	e in a nursing	
25 26	(b) scholarships						nce grants i	may be award	ed as
29	7 (2) (i) The nursing scholarship awarded under this section shall be in 8 the amount of tuition and fees not to exceed \$2,400 annually for a full-time student or a prorated award according to the number of credit hours taken by a part-time 50 student.								
31 32	maximum ar	nount of				renewabl	e on an anr	nual basis up t	o a
33				1.	Remains a	resident o	f this State	;	
34				2.	Enrolls in a	an eligible	institution	;	

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