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By: **Delegates Guns and Conroy**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program -**  
3 **Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial  
5 Scholarship Program to include certain veterans; limiting the number of  
6 veterans' scholarships under the Program that the State Scholarship  
7 Administration may award annually; and generally relating to eligibility for the  
8 Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Education  
11 Section 18-601  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 18-601.

18 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

19 (2) "Disabled public safety employee" means a State or local public safety  
20 employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:

21 (i) Precludes the individual from continuing to serve or be  
22 employed as a State or local public safety employee; and

23 (ii) In the case of a volunteer member of a fire department or  
24 ambulance or rescue company or squad, precludes the member from continuing to be  
25 employed in the nonpublic safety occupation in which the member is engaged at the  
26 time of the injury.

27 (3) "Surviving spouse" means a person who has not remarried.

- 1           (4)     "State or local public safety employee" means a person who is:
- 2                   (i)     A career or volunteer member of a:
- 3                           1.     Fire department;
- 4                           2.     Ambulance company or squad; or
- 5                           3.     Rescue company or squad;
- 6                   (ii)    A law enforcement officer;
- 7                   (iii)   A correctional officer; or
- 8                   (iv)   A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a resident
- 9 of this State at the time of death.
- 10       (b)     There is a program of scholarships that are awarded under this section.
- 11       (c)     The Program is the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.
- 12       (d)     A person may apply to the Administration for a scholarship under this
- 13 section if the person:
- 14           (1)     Is a resident of Maryland;
- 15           (2)     (i)     Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular
- 16 undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution; or
- 17                   (ii)    Is enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in which
- 18 the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate
- 19 program in an eligible institution; and
- 20           (3)     Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a member of the
- 21 armed forces who was a resident of this State at the time the parent:
- 22                   (i)     Died or was totally and permanently disabled as a result of
- 23 military service after December 7, 1941; or
- 24                   (ii)    Was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action, if that
- 25 occurred on or after January 1, 1960 as a result of the Vietnam conflict, and if the
- 26 child was born prior to or while the parent was a prisoner of war or missing in action;
- 27           (4)     Was a prisoner of war on or after January 1, 1960 as a result of the
- 28 Vietnam conflict and was a resident of this State at the time the person was declared
- 29 to be a prisoner of war or missing in action;
- 30           (5)     (i)     Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of any State or
- 31 local public safety employee killed in the line of duty; or

1 (ii) Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public safety  
2 employee killed in the line of duty; [or]

3 (6) Is a disabled public safety employee; OR

4 (7) IS A VETERAN, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-901 OF THE STATE  
5 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, WHO:

6 (I) SUFFERS A SERVICE-RELATED DISABILITY OF 50% OR  
7 GREATER; AND

8 (II) HAS EXHAUSTED OR IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL  
9 VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS.

10 (e) A scholarship awarded under this section:

11 (1) May be used for the tuition and mandatory fees at any eligible  
12 institution; and

13 (2) May not:

14 (i) Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a  
15 resident undergraduate student at the University of Maryland, College Park; and

16 (ii) Be less than the lesser of:

17 1. \$3,000; or

18 2. The equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a  
19 resident of the institution attended by the recipient of the scholarship.

20 (f) (1) Each recipient of a scholarship under this section may hold the award  
21 for 5 years of full-time study or 8 years of part-time study.

22 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT AWARD MORE THAN 15  
23 SCHOLARSHIPS ANNUALLY UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(7) OF THIS SECTION.

24 (g) The Commission:

25 (1) May accept any gift or grant from any person for the Edward T.  
26 Conroy Scholarship Fund;

27 (2) Shall use any gift or grant that it receives for a scholarship from the  
28 Program; and

29 (3) Shall deposit any gift or grant that it receives for the Program with  
30 the State Treasurer in a nonbudgeted account.

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