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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Loan Assistance Repayment Program - Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Scholarship Administration to include in the  
4 Loan Assistance Repayment Program certain students enrolled in a college or  
5 university in the State; requiring the Administration to include in the Program  
6 certain graduates who teach in the State; making a certain stylistic change; and  
7 generally relating to eligibility for the Loan Assistance Repayment Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 18-1501 and 18-1502(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article - Education  
15 Section 18-1502(b)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Education**

21 18-1501.

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

23 (b) (1) "Eligible field of employment" means employment in the State by an  
24 organization, institution, association, society, or corporation that is exempt from  
25 taxation under § 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

1 (2) "Eligible field of employment" includes employment by the State or  
2 any local government in the State, but does not include being employed as a judicial  
3 clerk in any court.

4 (c) "Higher education loan" means any loan for undergraduate or graduate  
5 study that is obtained for tuition, educational expenses or living expenses from:

6 (1) A college or university, government, or commercial source; or

7 (2) An organization, institution, association, society, or corporation that  
8 is exempt from taxation under § 501(c) (3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.  
9 18-1502.

10 (a) There is a program of loan assistance repayment in the State.

11 (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, the State  
12 Scholarship Administration shall assist in the repayment of the amount of any higher  
13 education loan owed by an individual who:

14 (1) (I) 1. Receives a graduate, professional, or undergraduate  
15 degree from[:

16 (i) A] A college or university in the State [of Maryland]; or

17 2. IS WITHIN 1 YEAR OF COMPLETING A GRADUATE,  
18 PROFESSIONAL, OR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM FROM A COLLEGE OR  
19 UNIVERSITY IN THE STATE;

20 (ii) [A] RECEIVES A DEGREE FROM A school of medicine; OR

21 (III) 1. RECEIVES A GRADUATE, PROFESSIONAL, OR  
22 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM AN INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN A  
23 COURSE OF STUDY OR PROGRAM THAT LEADS TO A MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL  
24 TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE; AND

25 2. TEACHES OR COMMITS TO TEACH IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN  
26 THE STATE;

27 (2) (I) Obtains eligible employment; OR

28 (II) COMMITS TO OBTAIN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYMENT WITHIN 1 YEAR  
29 OF RECEIVING THE DEGREE FROM A GRADUATE, PROFESSIONAL, OR  
30 UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN THE STATE AS SPECIFIED UNDER  
31 ITEM (1)(I)1 OF THIS SUBSECTION;

32 (3) Receives an income that is less than the maximum eligible total  
33 income levels established by the Administration, including any additional sources of  
34 income; and

35 (4) Satisfies any other criteria established by the Administration.

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