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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships -**
3 **Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Scholarship Administration to offer each year
5 Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships to certain students who have
6 been accepted into certain academic programs under certain circumstances;
7 requiring the Administration to offer scholarships to certain students currently
8 enrolled in certain undergraduate programs under certain circumstances;
9 altering a certain qualification for the scholarship; establishing certain
10 requirements for certain undergraduate students to receive a Maryland Science
11 and Technology Scholarship; requiring the Administration to establish certain
12 procedures; and generally relating to the Maryland Science and Technology
13 Scholarship Program.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Education
16 Section 18-2002 and 18-2007
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Education**

22 18-2002.

23 (a) There is a program of Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships in
24 this State that are awarded under this subtitle. [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
25 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE Administration shall annually select
26 secondary school students who have the greatest potential for academic success in
27 higher education and offer a scholarship to each student to be used at a Maryland
28 higher education institution of the student's choice, if the recipient meets the
29 following qualifications:

1 (1) Qualifies academically as follows:

2 (i) Has a secondary school transcript indicating an overall
3 academic grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent grade
4 point average in core curriculum courses after completion of the first semester of the
5 senior year;

6 (ii) Intends to enroll as a full-time student in an academic program
7 as designated by the Maryland Higher Education Commission; and

8 (iii) Has graduated from a secondary school;

9 (2) Is a Maryland resident and was a Maryland resident at the time of
10 graduating from secondary school;

11 (3) Is accepted for admission in a regular undergraduate program at a
12 Maryland higher education institution in the State;

13 (4) Begins attending an eligible Maryland higher education institution
14 within [2] 5 years of completing [high] SECONDARY school or, failing to do so,
15 provides evidence satisfactory to the [State Scholarship] Administration of
16 extenuating circumstances;

17 (5) Agrees to the conditions provided in subsection [(c)] (D) of this
18 section; and

19 (6) Accepts any other conditions attached to the award and satisfies any
20 additional criteria the Commission may establish.

21 (b) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE
22 REMAINING FUNDS TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO:

23 (I) ARE NOT CURRENTLY ATTENDING AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
24 EDUCATION;

25 (II) HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED IN AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM AT A
26 MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION AS DESIGNATED BY THE
27 COMMISSION;

28 (III) ARE MARYLAND RESIDENTS;

29 (IV) AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF
30 THIS SECTION; AND

31 (V) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD
32 AND SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.

33 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE
34 REMAINING FUNDS TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO:

1 (I) ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
2 EDUCATION IN THE STATE WHO HAVE THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR ACADEMIC
3 SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION;

4 (II) ARE CLOSEST TO DEGREE COMPLETION;

5 (III) HAVE EARNED A CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT
6 LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS CALCULATED AND INDICATED ON A
7 COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT AFTER THE LAST COMPLETED SEMESTER BEFORE THE
8 APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED;

9 (IV) ARE ENROLLED AS FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN AN ACADEMIC
10 PROGRAM AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION;

11 (V) ARE MARYLAND RESIDENTS;

12 (VI) AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF
13 THIS SECTION; AND

14 (VII) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD
15 AND SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THAT THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.

16 (C) (1) The annual scholarship award shall be in the amount of \$1,000 for a
17 student enrolled at a 2-year eligible institution or \$3,000 for a student enrolled at a
18 4-year eligible institution.

19 (2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO A STUDENT WHO
20 RECEIVES AN AWARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (II) If accepted by the eligible student, each award may be renewed
22 on an annual basis for a maximum of 3 years after the original award if the recipient:

23 [(i)] 1. Remains a resident of the State;

24 [(ii)] 2. Attends a Maryland higher education institution in the
25 State;

26 [(iii)] 3. Is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and
27 takes at least 12 semester hours of courses each semester or its equivalent as
28 determined by the Administration;

29 [(iv)] 4. Maintains a 3.0 grade point average on an academic year
30 basis or, failing to do so, provides evidence satisfactory to the Administration, of
31 extreme extenuating circumstances;

32 [(v)] 5. Is making satisfactory progress toward a degree as
33 determined by the institution; and

34 [(vi)] 6. Maintains the standards of the institution.

(3) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, each recipient of a Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship who is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program may renew the annual award four times if the recipient is enrolled in an undergraduate academic program that, as determined by the institution, requires 5 years to complete.

(4) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, each award may be renewed on an annual basis for a maximum of 2 years for students enrolled in an associate degree program.

(5) A RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT RENEW THE AWARD.

[(c)] (D) A recipient of an award made under this section shall receive the award for each year indicated in which the recipient is eligible if:

(1) The recipient signs an agreement at the time of the initial award to:

(i) Commence employment in the State within 1 year after completion of undergraduate studies for 1 year for each year that the scholarship was awarded; and

(ii) Repay the State the amounts awarded under this subtitle as set forth in § 18-112 of this title if the recipient does not:

1. Satisfy the degree requirements of the eligible academic program or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle; and

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

(2) The service obligation begins after graduation and cannot be fulfilled prior to graduation from an eligible institution.

18-2007.

The [State Scholarship] Administration shall [publicize]:

(1) PUBLICIZE the availability of Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships; AND

(2) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 18-2002(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR:

(I) PUBLICIZING TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS REMAINING AFTER COMPLETING AWARDS TO ALL ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS;

(II) DISTRIBUTING APPLICATIONS TO ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN UNDERGRADUATE

1 PROGRAMS IN THE STATE, AND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM THOSE GRADUATES
2 AND STUDENTS;

3 (III) RANKING AND MAKING AWARDS TO ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL
4 GRADUATES AND ELIGIBLE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS; AND

5 (IV) DISTRIBUTING REMAINING FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH §
6 18-2002(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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