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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Graduate Scholarships - University of Maryland,**
3 **Baltimore - Davidge Scholars Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Davidge Scholars Program at the University of
5 Maryland, Baltimore to provide graduate scholarships to enhance access to
6 advanced professional degrees at the institution for students who are committed
7 to public service careers and to enable the institution to attract and retain
8 certain students; requiring the State Scholarship Administration to administer
9 the Program, subject to certain guidelines established by the institution;
10 establishing certain eligibility requirements for scholarship applicants;
11 providing for the amount and duration of the scholarship awards; specifying
12 certain employment obligations; providing for repayment of scholarship funds
13 awarded upon default in certain circumstances; providing that funds for the
14 Program be as provided in the annual State budget; expressing the intent of the
15 General Assembly that the Governor include a certain amount for the Program
16 in the State budget for a certain fiscal year and that certain additional funding
17 be provided in the State budget in subsequent fiscal years; and generally
18 relating to the establishment of the Davidge Scholars Program to provide
19 scholarships for students seeking advanced professional degrees at the
20 University of Maryland, Baltimore.

21 BY adding to
22 Article - Education
23 Section 18-2601 through 18-2607, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
24 "Subtitle 26. Davidge Scholars Program"
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

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Article - Education

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SUBTITLE 26. DAVIDGE SCHOLARS PROGRAM.

3 18-2601.

4 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
5 INDICATED.

6 (B) "ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL DEGREE" MEANS A POSTBACCALAUREATE
7 PROFESSIONAL DEGREE IN THE FIELDS OF HEALTH, LAW, OR SOCIAL WORK AT THE
8 INSTITUTION.

9 (C) "INSTITUTION" MEANS THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE.

10 (D) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE DAVIDGE SCHOLARS PROGRAM.

11 (E) "PUBLIC SERVICE" MEANS SERVICE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AS AN
12 EMPLOYEE IN A POSITION IN THIS STATE:

13 (1) WITH A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, A NONPROFIT
14 ENTITY, OR IN PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT; AND

15 (2) AS DETERMINED UNDER PROGRAM GUIDELINES DETERMINED BY
16 THE INSTITUTION TO BE IN PUBLIC SERVICE.

17 (F) "PUBLIC SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS THE REQUIREMENT TO BEGIN
18 PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER GRADUATION OR THE
19 COMPLETION OF A RESIDENCY OR FELLOWSHIP, UNLESS GRANTED A DEFERRAL.

20 18-2602.

21 (A) THERE IS A PROGRAM FOR DAVIDGE SCHOLARS AT THE INSTITUTION
22 UNDER WHICH SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
23 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

24 (B) THE PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED TO ENABLE THE STATE'S ONLY PUBLIC
25 ACADEMIC HEALTH AND LAW CENTER TO ENHANCE ACCESS TO ADVANCED
26 PROFESSIONAL DEGREES AT THE INSTITUTION AND TO RAPIDLY RESPOND TO
27 CHANGING HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE NEEDS BY PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS
28 THAT WILL:

29 (1) ATTRACT STUDENTS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE
30 CAREERS THROUGH THE ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMS AT THE
31 INSTITUTION; AND

32 (2) ENABLE THE INSTITUTION TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN COMPETING FOR
33 DISTINGUISHED DOCTORAL SCHOLARS WHO WILL BE THE FACULTY AND
34 RESEARCHERS OF THE FUTURE.

1 18-2603.

2 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM CONSISTENT
3 WITH THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE AND
4 SHALL MAKE AWARDS UNDER THE PROGRAM BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF
5 THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTION OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE.

6 (B) THE INSTITUTION SHALL:

7 (1) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM;

8 (2) ESTABLISH THE DAVIDGE SCHOLARS INTERPROFESSIONAL
9 SEMINARS FOR THOSE RECIPIENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THE PROGRAM
10 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVING AS A MENTORING TOOL TO PROMOTE:

11 (I) AN UNDERSTANDING OF AND APPRECIATION FOR THE ROLE OF
12 HEALTH, SOCIAL WORK, AND LAW PROFESSIONALS;

13 (II) PUBLIC SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS, INCLUDING FIELD
14 PLACEMENTS IN GEOGRAPHIC OR SPECIALITY AREAS OF UNMET STATE NEED, TO
15 WORK WITH UNDERSERVED OR UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATIONS, OR TO DO
16 RESEARCH IN AREAS OF PUBLIC INTEREST TO THE STATE; AND

17 (III) COLLABORATION AND EXCELLENCE AMONG THE SCHOLARS
18 AND THEIR FACULTY MENTORS AT THE INSTITUTION IN EDUCATION, RESEARCH,
19 AND SERVICE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY AND
20 INNOVATIVE RESEARCH;

21 (3) ANNUALLY REVIEW AND, AS NECESSARY, ESTABLISH OR MODIFY:

22 (I) THE DESIRED OUTCOMES RELATING TO THE SCHOLARSHIPS
23 OFFERED UNDER THE PROGRAM; AND

24 (II) THE DESIGNATED PROGRAMS OF STUDY FOR AN ADVANCED
25 PROFESSIONAL DEGREE WHICH QUALIFY UNDER THE PROGRAM;

26 (4) RECRUIT NEW STUDENTS INTO THE PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGE
27 EXISTING STUDENTS AT THE INSTITUTION TO APPLY FOR OR CONTINUE IN THE
28 PROGRAM;

29 (5) NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANY NEW STUDENT SELECTED
30 FOR AN AWARD UNDER THE PROGRAM OR OF AN AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF AN
31 AWARD FOR AN EXISTING RECIPIENT UNDER THE PROGRAM;

32 (6) IN MAKING ITS DETERMINATION OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT
33 CONSTITUTE PUBLIC SERVICE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE
34 WORKFORCE REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL
35 DEGREES:

36 (I) TO SERVE IN STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT;

- 1 (II) TO SERVE IN AREAS OF GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGES;
- 2 (III) TO WORK WITH POPULATIONS OF UNDERSERVED OR
3 UNDERREPRESENTED CITIZENS; OR
- 4 (IV) TO BE EMPLOYED IN AREAS OF WORKFORCE SHORTAGE THAT
5 ARE BASED ON INDICATORS SPECIFIED BY THE INSTITUTION; AND
- 6 (7) MAINTAIN DATA AND REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION
7 AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING
8 THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EACH RECIPIENT WHILE ENROLLED AS A STUDENT AT
9 THE INSTITUTION, AND FOR UP TO 4 YEARS FOLLOWING GRADUATION OR
10 COMPLETION OF A RESIDENCY OR FELLOWSHIP, AS APPROPRIATE.

11 18-2604.

12 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE PROGRAM, EACH APPLICANT
13 SHALL:

- 14 (1) SUBMIT THE REQUIRED APPLICATION TO THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL
15 AT THE INSTITUTION;
- 16 (2) DEMONSTRATE A FINANCIAL NEED;
- 17 (3) NOT BE IN DEFAULT ON ANY HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN;
- 18 (4) BE IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING AND SELECTED FOR AN AWARD
19 OR RENEWAL OF AN AWARD BY A PANEL APPOINTED BY THE DEAN OF THE
20 APPLICABLE SCHOOL AT THE INSTITUTION;
- 21 (5) IF THE APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT IS PURSUING A PUBLIC SERVICE
22 CAREER:
- 23 (I) BE A FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, OR EVENING STUDENT
24 ENROLLED IN A QUALIFYING PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR AN ADVANCED
25 PROFESSIONAL DEGREE AT THE INSTITUTION; AND
- 26 (II) COMMIT TO PERFORM THE PUBLIC SERVICE OBLIGATION FOR 1
27 YEAR FOR EACH FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT YEAR THE AWARD IS MADE; AND
- 28 (6) IF THE APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT IS PURSUING A DOCTORAL
29 DEGREE UNDER THE PROGRAM:
- 30 (I) BE OF OUTSTANDING ABILITY AND ENROLLED FULL TIME IN A
31 QUALIFYING DOCTORAL PROGRAM AFTER COMPLETION OF A PROFESSIONAL
32 DEGREE OR IN A QUALIFYING DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM LEADING TO A
33 PROFESSIONAL AND DOCTORAL DEGREE AT THE INSTITUTION; AND
- 34 (II) COMMIT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS SET BY THE DEAN OF
35 THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL, INCLUDING AGREEING TO PURSUE RESEARCH TRAINING
36 GRANTS, SUPPORTING COMPETITIVE RESEARCH AWARDS, PUBLISHING SCHOLARLY

1 PAPERS ON RESEARCH ENDEAVORS, AND PRESENTING RESEARCH AT NATIONAL
2 MEETINGS.

3 18-2605.

4 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION, UPON NOTIFICATION BY THE INSTITUTION, SHALL
5 AWARD A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE PROGRAM TO THE EXTENT FUNDS ARE
6 AVAILABLE IN THE STATE BUDGET.

7 (B) AN AWARD UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY BE MADE TO A RECIPIENT FOR UP
8 TO 4 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT YEARS OF STUDY AT THE INSTITUTION AND SHALL BE
9 FOR THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

10 (1) FOR ANY QUALIFYING RECIPIENT WHO AGREES TO PURSUE A
11 PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 50% OF THE COST OF TUITION AND
12 MANDATORY FEES AT THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL; AND

13 (2) FOR ANY QUALIFYING RECIPIENT PURSUING A DOCTORAL DEGREE
14 OR DUAL DEGREE LEADING TO A PROFESSIONAL AND DOCTORAL DEGREE AND WHO
15 AGREES TO MEET THE SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE COST
16 OF TUITION, MANDATORY FEES, AND THE FEDERALLY STIPULATED STIPEND
17 AMOUNT AT THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL.

18 18-2606.

19 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL APPLY GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE
20 INSTITUTION TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

21 (B) THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE INSTITUTION SHALL INCLUDE
22 PROVISIONS REGARDING:

23 (1) THE TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT THAT WILL FULFILL ANY PUBLIC
24 SERVICE OBLIGATION, INCLUDING ANY SALARY LIMITATIONS;

25 (2) REPAYMENT OF FUNDS IF THE RECIPIENT FAILS TO COMPLETE A
26 SUPPORTED ACADEMIC PROGRAM OR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS
27 OF THE PROGRAM DURING OR AFTER ENROLLMENT AT THE INSTITUTION; AND

28 (3) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR DEFERMENT OR WAIVER OF REPAYMENT
29 OBLIGATIONS.

30 18-2607.

31 FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
33 General Assembly that the Governor shall provide \$1 million in the State budget for
34 FY 2002 to enable awards under this Program to be made for the academic calendar
35 year 2001-2002, and an additional \$1 million each year thereafter until \$4 million is

1 included in the State budget for this Program by FY 2005 and for each fiscal year
2 thereafter.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 June 1, 2001.