

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1172
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute:

“Higher Education - Student Financial Assistance - Maryland Teacher Scholarship”;

strike in their entirety lines 4 through 7, inclusive, and substitute:

“FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility and renewability requirements for the Maryland Teacher Scholarship to certain part-time students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in teaching; and generally relating to the Maryland Teacher Scholarship program.”;

in line 10, strike “and 18-2205” and substitute “, 18-2205, and 18-2206”; and strike in their entirety lines 13 through 17, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 2 on page 2 through line 18 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“18-2203.

(a) The Administration shall annually select eligible students and offer a scholarship to each student selected to be used at an eligible institution of their choice.

(b) A recipient of the Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall:

(1) Be a Maryland resident;

(Over)

(2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, be accepted for admission or currently enrolled at an eligible institution as a [full-time undergraduate student or a] full-time or part-time UNDERGRADUATE OR graduate student pursuing a course of study or program in an academic discipline leading to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

(3) (i) For a student currently enrolled in high school, have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent in core curriculum courses at the time of application; or

(ii) For a student currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student, have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and have been making satisfactory progress toward a degree in an academic discipline leading to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

(4) Sign a letter of intent to perform the service obligation upon completion of the recipient's required studies;

(5) Accept any other conditions attached to the award; and

(6) Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

(c) A recipient of the Maryland Teacher Scholarship may not hold a Maryland professional teacher's certificate.

(d) (1) Applicants who are secondary school students shall provide a high school transcript after completion of the first semester of their senior year.

(2) Applicants who are currently enrolled in an eligible institution shall provide the most recent college transcript, or if not applicable, the applicant may submit a final high school transcript.

(3) Applicants who are not currently enrolled in an eligible institution, but who are high school graduates shall provide a final high school transcript.

(4) Applicants who are high school graduates and are not currently enrolled in an eligible institution, but have completed some courses at an eligible institution, shall provide the most recent college transcript.

(5) Applicants who are not currently enrolled in an eligible institution, but who are college graduates shall provide a final college transcript.

18-2205.

The annual scholarship award shall be in the amount of:

(1) \$2,000 for an undergraduate student enrolled at a 2-year eligible institution;

(2) \$5,000 for a full-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a 4-year eligible institution; or

(3) \$2,500 for a part-time UNDERGRADUATE OR graduate student enrolled at a 4-year eligible institution.

18-2206.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, each recipient of a Maryland teacher scholarship may renew the award three times if the recipient:

(1) Continues to be a resident of the State;

(2) Continues to be a full-time [student] or part-time UNDERGRADUATE OR graduate student at an eligible institution as determined by the Administration;

(3) Has achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and maintains this minimum cumulative grade point average throughout the remainder of this award, or failing to do so, provides evidence of extenuating circumstances;

(Over)

(4) In the judgment of the institution, is making satisfactory progress toward a degree; and

(5) Maintains the standards of the institution.

(b) (1) Each recipient of a Maryland teacher scholarship who is enrolled in an associate degree program as permitted in this subtitle may renew the award two times if the recipient is enrolled in an associate degree program that, as determined by the institution, requires 3 years to complete.

(2) Each recipient of the Maryland teacher scholarship may renew the annual award four times if the recipient is enrolled in a course of study that, as determined by the institution, requires 5 years to complete.”.

On page 4, in line 20, strike “June” and substitute “July”.