

BY: Conference Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 734

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after "teaching;" insert "making certain teaching assistants eligible for the Maryland Teacher Scholarship program; specifying the amount for a certain scholarship award;"; and after line 12, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Education

Section 18-2201, 18-2202, and 18-2204

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 15, insert:

"18-2201.

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

(b) "Eligible institution" means a public or private institution of higher education in this State that possesses a certificate of approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

(c) (1) "Service obligation" means to teach full time in the State as a teacher in a Maryland public elementary or secondary school.

(2) "Service obligation" does not mean employment as teaching assistants, volunteer service, paid fellowships, or internships.

(Over)

(d) "Administration" means the State Scholarship Administration as defined in § 18-101(b) of this title.

18-2202.

There is a program of Maryland teacher scholarships that are awarded under this subtitle for students who pledge to work as public elementary and secondary school teachers in this State upon completion of their studies.”;

in line 20, after “(b)” insert “(1)”; in the same line, strike “A” and substitute “SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A”; and in line 21, strike “(1)” and substitute “(I)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 1, strike “(2)” and substitute “(II)”; in line 6, strike “(3) (i)” and substitute “(III) 1.”; in line 9, strike “(ii)” and substitute “2.”; in lines 13, 15, and 16, strike “(4)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively, and substitute “(IV)”, “(V)”, and “(VI)”, respectively; after line 16, insert:

“(2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, AT THE TIME THE INDIVIDUAL IS SCHEDULED TO MATRICULATE AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, WILL HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT AT A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS:

(I) MAY APPLY FOR A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(II) IS ELIGIBLE TO HOLD A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP AS A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDENT.”;

after line 30, insert:

“18-2204.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the recipient of a Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall repay the Commission the funds received as set forth in § 18-112 of this title if the recipient does not:

(1) Satisfy the degree requirements of the eligible course of study or program or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle;

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

(3) Become professionally certified to teach in the State of Maryland within the time period specified by the Commission in consultation with the Maryland Department of Education.

(b) The Administration shall forgive a recipient of a Maryland Teacher Scholarship for 2 years of an award if:

(1) The recipient has taken the teacher certification examination, approved by the State Board of Education, in 2 consecutive years; and

(2) The recipient fails to pass the teacher certification examination within the time period specified by the Commission in accordance with subsection (a)(3) of this section.”;

in line 33, strike “an” and substitute “A FULL-TIME”; and in the same line, after “student” insert “, OR \$1,000 FOR A PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT,”.