

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 399

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Delegate Hixson” and substitute “Delegates Hixson and Giannetti”.

On page 1, in lines 3, 4, and 5, in each instance, strike “scholarships,” and substitute “scholarships and”; in lines 3, 4, and 5 and 6, in each instance, strike “, or loans”; and in line 8, after “grants;” insert “altering the maximum amount of the financial assistance that a recipient may receive under certain scholarship and grant programs; altering the percentage of the service-related disability that a veteran must sustain in order to be eligible for a certain scholarship program; permitting a recipient of certain scholarships or grants to retain those awards even if the maximum amount of the awards exceeds a certain limit, subject to certain conditions;”.

On page 1, in line 18, after “18-303,” insert “18-304, 18-503, 18-601(d) and (e), 18-603;” and in the same line, after “18-701,” insert “18-703(e),”.

On page 1, after line 20, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Education

Section 18-601(c) and 18-703(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with “EXCEPT” in line 3 down through “TITLE,” in line 4.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

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On page 2, in lines 4, 5, and 7, in each instance, strike “SCHOLARSHIP,” and substitute “SCHOLARSHIP AND”; in lines 9 and 15, in each instance, strike “SCHOLARSHIPS,” and substitute “SCHOLARSHIPS AND”; in lines 4, 5, and 8, in each instance, strike “, OR LOAN”; and in lines 9 and 15, in each instance, strike “, OR LOANS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 13, strike “EXPENSE” and substitute “EXPENSES”; in line 14, strike “UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK” and substitute “4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, after line 22, insert:

“18-304.

(a) (1) The Administration shall determine the amount of each Educational Excellence Award based on the financial need of the applicant.

(2) In determining the amount of financial need, the Administration shall consider regional cost-of-living differences.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an Educational Excellence Award may be awarded in \$100 increments and the award for a single year may not be less than \$400 or more than \$3,000.

(2) (i) All applicants who fulfill the requirements established in § 18-303(b) and (c) of this subtitle shall receive a Guaranteed Access Grant.

(ii) The amount of a Guaranteed Access Grant shall be equal to 100 percent of the student's financial need as determined by the State Scholarship Administration, not to exceed the equivalent annual expenses of a full-time resident undergraduate at the [University of

Maryland, College Park] 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE.

18-503.

(a) During each term in office, each Delegate may award the equivalent of four 4-year full-time scholarships, which may be awarded for either 1-, 2-, 3-, or 4-year periods.

(b) (1) Each scholarship pays the tuition and mandatory fees at any eligible institution.

(2) The annual amount of a scholarship at a private institution or any graduate or professional program may not exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of an undergraduate program at the [University of Maryland] 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE.

18-601.

(c) The Program is the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

(d) A person may apply to the Administration for a scholarship under this section if the person:

(1) Is a resident of Maryland;

(2) (i) Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution; or

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(ii) Is enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate program in an eligible institution; and

(3) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a member of the armed forces who was a resident of this State at the time the parent:

(i) Died or was totally and permanently disabled as a result of military service after December 7, 1941; or

(ii) Was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action, if that occurred on or after January 1, 1960 as a result of the Vietnam conflict, and if the child was born prior to or while the parent was a prisoner of war or missing in action;

(4) Was a prisoner of war on or after January 1, 1960 as a result of the Vietnam conflict and was a resident of this State at the time the person was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action;

(5) (i) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty; or

(ii) Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty;

(6) Is a disabled public safety employee; or

(7) Is a veteran, as defined under § 9-901 of the State Government Article, who:

(i) Suffers a service-related disability of [50%] 25% or greater; and

(ii) Has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans' educational benefits.

(e) A scholarship awarded under this section:

- (1) May be used for the tuition and mandatory fees at any eligible institution; and
- (2) May not:

(i) Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a resident undergraduate student at the [University of Maryland, College Park] 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE; and

(ii) Be less than the lesser of:

- 1. \$3,000; or
- 2. The equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a resident of the institution attended by the recipient of the scholarship.

18-603.

(a) There is a program of tuition assistance under this section.

(b) Any career or volunteer firefighter, ambulance or rescue squad member who is a resident of Maryland shall receive full and complete reimbursement by the Administration for tuition costs not to exceed the resident tuition rates at the [University of Maryland, College Park] 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE, for courses credited toward a degree in fire service technology or emergency medical technology.

(c) (1) The tuition reimbursement application shall be filed with the Administration

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no later than July 1 immediately following the academic year for which tuition reimbursement is sought.

(2) Payment shall be made 1 year after successful completion of each academic year.

(3) Payment may be made only if the applicant is still employed or actively engaged as a career or volunteer firefighter or ambulance or rescue squad member in an organized fire department or ambulance or rescue squad in this State.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 5, after line 30, insert:

“18-703.

(b) (1) Economic Development Student Assistance Grants to be known as the Sharon Christa McAuliffe Memorial Teacher Education Award may be awarded as teacher education tuition assistance grants.

(2) The Administration shall award annually to eligible applicants tuition assistance grants for the education of persons to teach in areas of critical or geographic shortage.

(3) The recipient of a teacher education tuition assistance grant shall use the award at an eligible institution.

(4) The State Board of Education may adopt rules and regulations to determine academic criteria for selection of tuition assistance recipients from eligible applicants.

(e) (1) For a full-time student, the annual amount of tuition assistance shall be equal to the cost of tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board, not to exceed the lesser of costs incurred for the program required for teacher certification in an area of critical or geographic shortage or the sum of these costs for a full-time undergraduate in-State resident student at the [University of Maryland, College Park] 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF

MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE,  
WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT  
UNDERGRADUATE.

(2) For a part-time student, the amount of an award may not exceed the applicable cost of tuition and mandatory fees for a comparable undergraduate in-State student at the [University of Maryland, College Park] 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 6, after line 20, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That an individual who, on the effective date of this Act, holds more than one scholarship or grant that was awarded under a program under Title 18 of the Education Article, and whose aggregate awards under that title exceed the maximum amount permitted under this Act, may continue to hold each of those scholarships or grants so long as the individual continues to meet the eligibility and renewal criteria for each financial assistance program.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 6, in line 21, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 22, strike “October” and substitute “July”.