

HOUSE BILL 300

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ENROLLED BILL

-- Ways and Means/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **The Speaker (Administration) and ~~Delegate Conroy~~ Delegates**
Conroy, DeCarlo, Hixson, Healey, Bartlett, Bohanan, Bozman, Carlson,
Cryor, C. Davis, Finifter, Howard, Marriott, McKee, Patterson, Phillips,
Ports, Rosso, Rudolph, Rzepkowski, Shriver, Zirkin, Cadden, Leopold,
Owings, Love, Sophocleus, Boschert, Clagett, Baldwin, W. Baker,
Greenip, Boutin, Brinkley, Cane, Elliott, Hecht, Giannetti, Heller,
Hutchins, Hubbard, James, McClenahan, Minnick, Mohorovic,
Montague, Riley, Stocksdale, Vallario, Wood, Mandel, Hurson, Walkup,
and Klausmeier

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program -**
3 **Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements of the Edward T. Conroy
5 Memorial Scholarship Program to include certain survivors of Maryland
6 residents killed in certain ~~acts of terrorism~~ terrorist attacks; establishing a
7 certain limit on the amount of the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship that
8 may be awarded to a child or spouse of a victim of certain terrorist attacks;
9 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Edward T. Conroy

1 Memorial Scholarship Program.

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

3 Article - Education

4 Section 18-601

5 Annotated Code of Maryland

6 (2001 Replacement Volume)

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

8 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

9 **Article - Education**

10 18-601.

11 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

12 ~~(2) "ACT OF TERRORISM" MEANS THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED~~
 13 ~~COMMISSION OF A CRIME INVOLVING AN ACT DANGEROUS TO HUMAN LIFE WITH~~
 14 ~~THE INTENT TO:~~

15 ~~(I) INTIMIDATE OR COERCE A CIVILIAN POPULATION;~~

16 ~~(II) INFLUENCE THE ACTIVITIES OR POLICY OF A UNIT OF~~
 17 ~~GOVERNMENT THROUGH INTIMIDATION OR COERCION; OR~~

18 ~~(III) AFFECT THE CONDUCT OF A UNIT OF GOVERNMENT BY MASS~~
 19 ~~DESTRUCTION, MURDER, ASSASSINATION, OR KIDNAPPING.~~

20 ~~{(2)}~~ ~~(3)~~ "Disabled public safety employee" means a State or local public
 21 safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:

22 (i) Precludes the individual from continuing to serve or be
 23 employed as a State or local public safety employee; and

24 (ii) In the case of a volunteer member of a fire department or
 25 ambulance or rescue company or squad, precludes the member from continuing to be
 26 employed in the nonpublic safety occupation in which the member is engaged at the
 27 time of the injury.

28 ~~{(3)}~~ ~~(4)~~ "Surviving spouse" means a person who has not remarried.

29 ~~{(4)}~~ ~~(5)~~ "State or local public safety employee" means a person who is:

30 (i) A career or volunteer member of a:

31 1. Fire department;

32 2. Ambulance company or squad; or

1 (6) Is a disabled public safety employee; [or]

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

3 Article, who:

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

5 (ii) Has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans'
6 educational benefits[.]; OR

7 (8) IS AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD AND A SON OR DAUGHTER OF OR THE
8 SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A VICTIM OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS,
9 ~~OR A MARYLAND RESIDENT KILLED IN ANY SUBSEQUENT ACT OF TERRORISM.~~

10 (e) A scholarship awarded under this section:

11 (1) May be used for the tuition and mandatory fees at any eligible
12 institution; and

13 (2) May not:

14 (i) Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a
15 resident undergraduate student at the University of Maryland, College Park; and

16 (ii) Be less than the lesser of:

17 1. \$3,000; or

18 2. The equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a
19 resident of the institution attended by the recipient of the scholarship.

20 (f) (1) Each recipient of a scholarship under this section may hold the award
21 for 5 years of full-time study or 8 years of part-time study.

22 (2) The Administration may not award more than 15 scholarships
23 annually under subsection (d)(7) of this section.

24 (3) AN AWARD PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(8) OF THIS SECTION
25 MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (E)(2) OF THIS SECTION
26 WHEN COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED BY A STUDENT BASED
27 ON THE STUDENT'S STATUS AS A CHILD OR SPOUSE OF A VICTIM OF THE SEPTEMBER
28 11, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS.

29 (g) The Commission:

30 (1) May accept any gift or grant from any person for the Edward T.
31 Conroy Scholarship Fund;

32 (2) Shall use any gift or grant that it receives for a scholarship from the
33 Program; and

1 (3) Shall deposit any gift or grant that it receives for the Program with
2 the State Treasurer in a nonbudgeted account.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 July 1, 2002.