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By: **The Speaker (Administration) and Delegate Conroy**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

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; and generally relating to the  
7 Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 18-601  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 18-601.

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

18 (2) "ACT OF TERRORISM" MEANS THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED  
19 COMMISSION OF A CRIME INVOLVING AN ACT DANGEROUS TO HUMAN LIFE WITH  
20 THE INTENT TO:

21 (I) INTIMIDATE OR COERCE A CIVILIAN POPULATION;

22 (II) INFLUENCE THE ACTIVITIES OR POLICY OF A UNIT OF  
23 GOVERNMENT THROUGH INTIMIDATION OR COERCION; OR

24 (III) AFFECT THE CONDUCT OF A UNIT OF GOVERNMENT BY MASS  
25 DESTRUCTION, MURDER, ASSASSINATION, OR KIDNAPPING.

1            [(2)]    (3)    "Disabled public safety employee" means a State or local public  
2 safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:

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

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

9            [(3)]    (4)    "Surviving spouse" means a person who has not remarried.

10           [(4)]    (5) "State or local public safety employee" means a person who is:

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

12                            1.    Fire department;

13                            2.    Ambulance company or squad; or

14                            3.    Rescue company or squad;

15                    (ii)    A law enforcement officer;

16                    (iii)    A correctional officer; or

17                    (iv)    A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a resident  
18 of this State at the time of death.

19                    (6)    "VICTIM OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS"  
20 INCLUDES A PERSON WHO IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT KILLED AS A RESULT OF THE  
21 ATTACKS ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IN NEW YORK CITY AND THE PENTAGON IN  
22 VIRGINIA AND THE CRASH OF UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93 IN PENNSYLVANIA.

23           (b)    There is a program of scholarships that are awarded under this section.

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

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

27                    (1)    Is a resident of Maryland;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (e) A scholarship awarded under this section:

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

27 (2) May not:

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

30 (ii) Be less than the lesser of:

31 1. \$3,000; or

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

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

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

5 (g) The Commission:

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

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

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

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