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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
10 Memorial Scholarship Program.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Education
13 Section 18-601
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

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Article - Education

2 18-601.

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

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

7 (I) ~~INTIMIDATE OR COERCE A CIVILIAN POPULATION;~~8 (II) ~~INFLUENCE THE ACTIVITIES OR POLICY OF A UNIT OF~~
9 ~~GOVERNMENT THROUGH INTIMIDATION OR COERCION; OR~~10 (III) ~~AFFECT THE CONDUCT OF A UNIT OF GOVERNMENT BY MASS~~
11 ~~DESTRUCTION, MURDER, ASSASSINATION, OR KIDNAPPING.~~12 {2} (3) "Disabled public safety employee" means a State or local public
13 safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:14 (i) Precludes the individual from continuing to serve or be
15 employed as a State or local public safety employee; and16 (ii) In the case of a volunteer member of a fire department or
17 ambulance or rescue company or squad, precludes the member from continuing to be
18 employed in the nonpublic safety occupation in which the member is engaged at the
19 time of the injury.

20 {3} (4) "Surviving spouse" means a person who has not remarried.

21 {4} (5) "State or local public safety employee" means a person who is:

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

23 1. Fire department;

24 2. Ambulance company or squad; or

25 3. Rescue company or squad;

26 (ii) A law enforcement officer;

27 (iii) A correctional officer; or

28 (iv) A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a resident
29 of this State at the time of death.30 {6} (5) "VICTIM OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS"
31 INCLUDES A PERSON WHO IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT KILLED AS A RESULT OF THE

1 ATTACKS ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IN NEW YORK CITY AND THE PENTAGON IN
2 VIRGINIA AND THE CRASH OF UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93 IN PENNSYLVANIA.

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

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

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

7 (1) Is a resident of Maryland;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (e) A scholarship awarded under this section:

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

7 (2) May not:

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

10 (ii) Be less than the lesser of:

11 1. \$3,000; or

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

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

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

18 (3) AN AWARD PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(8) OF THIS SECTION
19 MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (E)(2) OF THIS SECTION
20 WHEN COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED BY A STUDENT BASED
21 ON THE STUDENT'S STATUS AS A CHILD OR SPOUSE OF A VICTIM OF THE SEPTEMBER
22 11, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS.

23 (g) The Commission:

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

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

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

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

