
By: **Delegate Hixson**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship,**
3 **Maryland Teacher Scholarship, and Maryland HOPE Scholarship -**
4 **Eligibility**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the manner in which grade point averages are reported
6 and calculated by the Maryland Higher Education Commission to determine
7 eligibility for certain scholarship programs; and generally relating to certain
8 eligibility requirements for certain State scholarship programs.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Education
11 Section 18-2002(a), 18-2203(b), and 18-2303
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 18-2002.

18 (a) There is a program of Maryland Science and Technology Scholarships in
19 this State that are awarded under this subtitle. The Administration shall annually
20 select students who have the greatest potential for academic success in higher
21 education and offer a scholarship to each student to be used at a Maryland higher
22 education institution of the student's choice, if the recipient meets the following
23 qualifications:

24 (1) Qualifies academically as follows:

25 (i) Has a secondary school transcript indicating an overall
26 [academic] grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent [grade
27 point average in core curriculum courses] after completion of the first semester of the
28 senior year;

1 (ii) Intends to enroll or is enrolled as a full-time student in an
2 academic program as designated by the Maryland Higher Education Commission;
3 and

4 (iii) Has graduated from a secondary school;

5 (2) Is a Maryland resident and was a Maryland resident at the time of
6 graduating from secondary school;

7 (3) Is accepted for admission in a regular undergraduate program at a
8 Maryland higher education institution in the State;

9 (4) Begins attending an eligible Maryland higher education institution
10 within 5 years of completing secondary school or, failing to do so, provides evidence
11 satisfactory to the Administration of extenuating circumstances;

12 (5) Agrees to the conditions provided in subsection (c) of this section; and

13 (6) Accepts any other conditions attached to the award and satisfies any
14 additional criteria the Commission may establish.

15 18-2203.

16 (b) A recipient of the Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall:

17 (1) Be a Maryland resident;

18 (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, be accepted for
19 admission or currently enrolled at an eligible institution as a full-time undergraduate
20 student or a full-time or part-time graduate student pursuing a course of study or
21 program in an academic discipline leading to a Maryland professional teacher's
22 certificate;

23 (3) (i) For a student currently enrolled in high school, have earned [a
24 cumulative] AN OVERALL grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its
25 equivalent [in core curriculum courses at the time of application] AFTER
26 COMPLETION OF THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THE SENIOR YEAR; or

27 (ii) For a student currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate
28 student, have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and have
29 been making satisfactory progress toward a degree in an academic discipline leading
30 to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

31 (4) Sign a letter of intent to perform the service obligation upon
32 completion of the recipient's required studies;

33 (5) Accept any other conditions attached to the award; and

34 (6) Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

1 18-2303.

2 (a) Except for an Educational Excellence Award under § 18-301 of this title or
3 a Distinguished Scholar Award under § 18-1101 of this title, the recipient of a
4 Maryland HOPE Scholarship may not hold any other scholarship awarded under this
5 title.

6 (b) Each recipient of a Maryland HOPE Scholarship shall:

7 (1) Be accepted for admission in a regular undergraduate program at an
8 eligible institution in the State;

9 (2) Be a resident of the State;

10 (3) Earn [a cumulative] AN OVERALL grade point average of at least 3.0
11 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent [in core curriculum courses as calculated and indicated
12 on the high school transcript] after COMPLETION OF the first semester of the senior
13 year [of high school];

14 (4) Begin attending an eligible institution within 2 years of completing
15 high school or, failing to do so, provide evidence satisfactory to the Administration of
16 extenuating circumstances;

17 (5) Enroll as a full-time student at an eligible institution;

18 (6) Have an annual total family income of \$95,000 or below;

19 (7) Accept any other conditions attached to the award; and

20 (8) Satisfy any additional criteria the Maryland Higher Education
21 Commission may establish.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2002.