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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Teaching Assistants - Eligibility for the Maryland**
3 **Teacher Scholarship Program**

4 FOR the purpose of making certain teaching assistants eligible for the Maryland
5 Teacher Scholarship program; specifying the amount for a certain scholarship
6 award; and generally relating to eligibility requirements for the Maryland
7 Teacher Scholarship program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Education
10 Section 18-2201, 18-2203, and 18-2205
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2001 Replacement Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article - Education
15 Section 18-2202 and 18-2204
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article - Education**

21 18-2201.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (b) "Eligible institution" means a public or private institution of higher
24 education in this State that possesses a certificate of approval from the Maryland
25 Higher Education Commission.

1 (c) (1) "Service obligation" means to teach full time in the State as a teacher
2 OR BE EMPLOYED AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT in a Maryland public elementary or
3 secondary school.

4 (2) "Service obligation" does not mean employment as [teaching
5 assistants,] volunteer service, paid fellowships, or internships.

6 (d) "Administration" means the State Scholarship Administration as defined
7 in § 18-101(b) of this title.

8 18-2202.

9 There is a program of Maryland teacher scholarships that are awarded under
10 this subtitle for students who pledge to work as public elementary and secondary
11 school teachers in this State upon completion of their studies.

12 18-2203.

13 (a) The Administration shall annually select eligible students and offer a
14 scholarship to each student selected to be used at an eligible institution of their
15 choice.

16 (b) (1) [A] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A recipient of
17 the Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall:

18 [(1)] (I) Be a Maryland resident;

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

24 [(3) (i)] (III) 1. For a student currently enrolled in high school, have
25 earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent
26 in core curriculum courses at the time of application; or

27 [(ii)] 2. For a student currently enrolled as a full-time
28 undergraduate student, have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0
29 scale and have been making satisfactory progress toward a degree in an academic
30 discipline leading to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

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

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

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

35 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN
36 INDIVIDUAL WHO, AT THE TIME THE INDIVIDUAL IS SCHEDULED TO MATRICULATE

1 AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, WILL HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A TEACHING
2 ASSISTANT AT A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE FOR
3 AT LEAST 2 YEARS:

4 (I) MAY APPLY FOR A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP UNDER
5 THIS SUBTITLE; AND

6 (II) IS ELIGIBLE TO HOLD A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP AS
7 A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDENT.

8 (c) A recipient of the Maryland Teacher Scholarship may not hold a Maryland
9 professional teacher's certificate.

10 (d) (1) Applicants who are secondary school students shall provide a high
11 school transcript after completion of the first semester of their senior year.

12 (2) Applicants who are currently enrolled in an eligible institution shall
13 provide the most recent college transcript, or if not applicable, the applicant may
14 submit a final high school transcript.

15 (3) Applicants who are not currently enrolled in an eligible institution,
16 but who are high school graduates shall provide a final high school transcript.

17 (4) Applicants who are high school graduates and are not currently
18 enrolled in an eligible institution, but have completed some courses at an eligible
19 institution, shall provide the most recent college transcript.

20 (5) Applicants who are not currently enrolled in an eligible institution,
21 but who are college graduates shall provide a final college transcript.

22 18-2204.

23 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the recipient of a
24 Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall repay the Commission the funds received as set
25 forth in § 18-112 of this title if the recipient does not:

26 (1) Satisfy the degree requirements of the eligible course of study or
27 program or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle;

28 (2) Perform the service obligation for 1 year for each year that the
29 recipient has a scholarship awarded under this subtitle; and

30 (3) Become professionally certified to teach in the State of Maryland
31 within the time period specified by the Commission in consultation with the
32 Maryland Department of Education.

33 (b) The Administration shall forgive a recipient of a Maryland Teacher
34 Scholarship for 2 years of an award if:

35 (1) The recipient has taken the teacher certification examination,
36 approved by the State Board of Education, in 2 consecutive years; and

1 (2) The recipient fails to pass the teacher certification examination
2 within the time period specified by the Commission in accordance with subsection
3 (a)(3) of this section.

4 18-2205.

5 The annual scholarship award shall be in the amount of:

6 (1) \$2,000 for [an] A FULL-TIME undergraduate student, OR \$1,000 FOR
7 A PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT, enrolled at a 2-year eligible institution;

8 (2) \$5,000 for a full-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in
9 a 4-year eligible institution; or

10 (3) \$2,500 for a part-time UNDERGRADUATE OR graduate student
11 enrolled at a 4-year eligible institution.

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