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By: **Delegate Shriver**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Tuition Reimbursement - Law Enforcement Officers**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for a certain tuition  
4 assistance program to include certain law enforcement officers; providing for  
5 additional funding for the program; providing that the funds are supplemental  
6 to and may not supplant certain existing funds; and generally relating to tuition  
7 reimbursement for law enforcement officers.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 18-603  
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 18-603.

17 (a) There is a program of tuition assistance under this section.

18 (b) Any career or volunteer firefighter, ambulance or rescue squad member,  
19 OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AS DEFINED IN § 727 OF ARTICLE 27 OF THE CODE,  
20 who is a resident of Maryland shall receive full and complete reimbursement by the  
21 Administration for tuition costs not to exceed the resident tuition rates at the  
22 University of Maryland, College Park for courses credited toward a degree in fire  
23 service technology, [or] emergency medical technology, OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE OR A  
24 RELATED FIELD.

25 (c) (1) The tuition reimbursement application shall be filed with the  
26 Administration no later than July 1 immediately following the academic year for  
27 which tuition reimbursement is sought.

1                   (2)       Payment shall be made 1 year after successful completion of each  
2 academic year.

3                   (3)       Payment may be made only if the applicant is still employed or  
4 actively engaged as a career or volunteer firefighter or ambulance or rescue squad  
5 member in an organized fire department or ambulance or rescue squad in this State,  
6 OR AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

7       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, beginning with fiscal  
8 year 2004 and annually thereafter, the Governor shall include in the State budget  
9 funding comparable to the funding provided for the reimbursement of firemen and  
10 rescue squadmen for tuition costs for the reimbursement of tuition costs for law  
11 enforcement officers. Any funds provided for under this section shall be used to  
12 supplement and may not supplant existing funds for the reimbursement of firemen  
13 and rescue squadmen for tuition costs.

14       SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2002.