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By: **The President (Administration) and Senators Collins, Green, Hughes,  
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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:

18 **Article - Education**

19 18-601.

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

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

4           (1)     INTIMIDATE OR COERCE A CIVILIAN POPULATION;

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

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

9           {(2)}   (3)     "Disabled public safety employee" means a State or local public  
10 safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:

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

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

17           {(3)}   (4)     "Surviving spouse" means a person who has not remarried.

18           {(4)}   (5)     "State or local public safety employee" means a person who is:

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

20                   1.     Fire department;

21                   2.     Ambulance company or squad; or

22                   3.     Rescue company or squad;

23           (ii)    A law enforcement officer;

24           (iii)   A correctional officer; or

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

27           (6)     (5)     "VICTIM OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS"  
28 ~~INCLUDES A PERSON WHO IS~~ MEANS A MARYLAND RESIDENT WHO WAS KILLED AS A  
29 RESULT OF THE ATTACKS ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IN NEW YORK CITY ~~AND~~<sub>2</sub>  
30 THE ATTACK ON THE PENTAGON IN VIRGINIA AND<sub>2</sub> OR THE CRASH OF UNITED  
31 AIRLINES FLIGHT 93 IN PENNSYLVANIA.

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

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

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

3 (1) Is a resident of Maryland;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (e) A scholarship awarded under this section:

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

1 (2) May not:

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

4 (ii) Be less than the lesser of:

5 1. \$3,000; or

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

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

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

12 (3) AN AWARD PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(8) OF THIS SECTION  
13 MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (E)(2) OF THIS SECTION  
14 WHEN COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED BY A STUDENT BASED  
15 ON THE STUDENT'S STATUS AS A CHILD OR SPOUSE OF A VICTIM OF THE SEPTEMBER  
16 11, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS.

17 (g) The Commission:

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

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

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

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