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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **HOPE for Nontraditional Students - Community College Transfer**  
3                                   **Scholarship Program - Nurses**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the qualifications for the Community College Transfer  
5 Scholarship Program to include individuals who earned an associate degree in  
6 nursing within a certain period of time prior to the date of application for the  
7 Program and who meet certain criteria; and generally relating to the  
8 Community College Transfer Scholarship Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Education  
11 Section 18-2503  
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 18-2503.

18 (A) To qualify for a Community College Transfer Scholarship, an applicant  
19 shall:

- 20 (1) Be a resident of the State;
- 21 (2) Be a student at a community college in the State;
- 22 (3) Maintain a cumulative 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale while a  
23 student at a community college in the State;
- 24 (4) Have completed at least 60 credits at a community college in the  
25 State or have earned an Associate's Degree by the end of the semester in which the  
26 applicant plans to transfer;

1           (5)     Be accepted for admission in a degree program at a 4-year private or  
2 public institution of higher education in the State;

3           (6)     Intend to enroll in a 4-year private or public institution of higher  
4 education in the State in order to complete a Bachelor's Degree Program;

5           (7)     Enroll as a full-time student in that 4-year institution;

6           (8)     Have an annual total family income of not more than \$95,000; and

7           (9)     Accept any other conditions or satisfy any additional criteria that the  
8 Commission or the Administration may establish.

9     (B)     AN APPLICANT QUALIFIES FOR THE PROGRAM IF THE APPLICANT:

10           (1)     HAS OBTAINED AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING AT A  
11 COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE WITHIN 3 YEARS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF  
12 APPLICATION; AND

13           (2)     EXCEPT FOR THE CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A)(2) AND (4)  
14 OF THIS SECTION, MEETS THE OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA LISTED IN SUBSECTION  
15 (A).

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