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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Ways and Means --

Introduced by **Senators Middleton and Hollinger**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Student Financial Assistance - Maryland Teacher**  
3 **Scholarship**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility and renewability requirements for the  
5 Maryland Teacher Scholarship to certain part-time students who are pursuing  
6 an undergraduate degree in teaching; making certain teaching assistants  
7 eligible for the Maryland Teacher Scholarship program; specifying the amount  
8 for a certain scholarship award; and generally relating to the Maryland Teacher  
9 Scholarship program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Education  
12 Section 18-2203, 18-2205, and 18-2206  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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1 Article - Education  
 2 Section 18-2201, 18-2202, and 18-2204  
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 4 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

7 **Article - Education**

8 18-2201.

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

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

13 (c) (1) "Service obligation" means to teach full time in the State as a teacher  
 14 in a Maryland public elementary or secondary school.

15 (2) "Service obligation" does not mean employment as teaching assistants,  
 16 volunteer service, paid fellowships, or internships.

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

19 18-2202.

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

23 18-2203.

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

27 (b) (1) ~~A~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A recipient of  
 28 the Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall:

29 (1) Be a Maryland resident;

30 (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, be accepted  
 31 for admission or currently enrolled at an eligible institution as a [full-time  
 32 undergraduate student or a] full-time or part-time UNDERGRADUATE OR graduate  
 33 student pursuing a course of study or program in an academic discipline leading to a  
 34 Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

1           ~~(3)~~    ~~(4)~~    ~~(III)~~    ~~I.~~       For a student currently enrolled in high school, have  
2 earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent  
3 in core curriculum courses at the time of application; or

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

8           ~~(4)~~    ~~(IV)~~    Sign a letter of intent to perform the service obligation upon  
9 completion of the recipient's required studies;

10          ~~(5)~~    ~~(V)~~       Accept any other conditions attached to the award; and

11          ~~(6)~~    ~~(VI)~~     Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

12           ~~(2)~~    ~~NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN~~  
13 ~~INDIVIDUAL WHO, AT THE TIME THE INDIVIDUAL IS SCHEDULED TO MATRICULATE~~  
14 ~~AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, WILL HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A TEACHING~~  
15 ~~ASSISTANT AT A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE FOR~~  
16 ~~AT LEAST 2 YEARS:~~

17                   ~~(I)~~       ~~MAY APPLY FOR A MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP UNDER~~  
18 ~~THIS SUBTITLE; AND~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 18-2204.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 18-2205.

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

21 (1) \$2,000 for ~~an~~ A FULL-TIME undergraduate student, OR \$1,000 FOR A  
22 PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT, enrolled at a 2-year eligible institution;

23 (2) \$5,000 for a full-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in  
24 a 4-year eligible institution; or

25 (3) \$2,500 for a part-time UNDERGRADUATE OR graduate student  
26 enrolled at a 4-year eligible institution.

27 18-2206.

28 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, each recipient of a  
29 Maryland teacher scholarship may renew the award three times if the recipient:

30 (1) Continues to be a resident of the State;

31 (2) Continues to be a full-time [student] or part-time  
32 UNDERGRADUATE OR graduate student at an eligible institution as determined by  
33 the Administration;

1           (3)     Has achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0  
2 scale and maintains this minimum cumulative grade point average throughout the  
3 remainder of this award, or failing to do so, provides evidence of extenuating  
4 circumstances;

5           (4)     In the judgment of the institution, is making satisfactory progress  
6 toward a degree; and

7           (5)     Maintains the standards of the institution.

8       (b)     (1)     Each recipient of a Maryland teacher scholarship who is enrolled in  
9 an associate degree program as permitted in this subtitle may renew the award two  
10 times if the recipient is enrolled in an associate degree program that, as determined  
11 by the institution, requires 3 years to complete.

12           (2)     Each recipient of the Maryland teacher scholarship may renew the  
13 annual award four times if the recipient is enrolled in a course of study that, as  
14 determined by the institution, requires 5 years to complete.

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