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House Bill 586 (Delegate Giannetti)
Ways and Means

Higher Education - HOPE Scholarships - Eligibility

This bill allows the recipient of a Maryland HOPE Scholarship to also receive a Senatorial Scholarship or a Delegate Scholarship.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Allowing recipients of HOPE Scholarships to receive additional scholarships would not materially affect the number and amount of awards. The State Scholarship Administration could continue to track and award scholarships with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The recipient of a Maryland HOPE Scholarship may not receive any other State-sponsored financial assistance except an Educational Excellence Award or a Distinguished Scholar Award. An applicant qualifies for a Maryland HOPE Scholarship if he or she: (1) is a Maryland resident; (2) earned a grade point average of at least 3.0 in core curriculum classes while in high school; (3) has been accepted for admission at an institution of higher education in Maryland; (4) enrolls full-time at an institution of higher education in the State within two years of completing high school; and (5) has an annual family income of \$95,000 or less. An award may be renewed up to four times if the recipient maintains the eligibility criteria. An award recipient must work in the State for one year for each year that the scholarship is received. The annual award is \$1,000

for a student attending a two-year institution or \$3,000 for a student attending a four-year institution. Funding for the scholarships is as provided in the annual State budget.

Background: Maryland HOPE Scholarships have been awarded since the 2000-2001 academic year. In the first year of the program, 169 scholarship recipients were awarded a total of \$425,500 (\$2,515 average award). **Exhibit 1** shows the projected number of Maryland HOPE Scholarship recipients for the 2001-2002 academic year and also displays projections for the four other programs that recipients would be eligible to receive under current law and the bill.

Exhibit 1
Projected Financial Aid Awards
2001-2002 Academic Year

Program	Recipients	Average Award	Estimated FY 02 Cost
HOPE Scholarship	407	\$2,457	\$999,999
Educational Assistance	24,382	1,590	38,767,380
Distinguished Scholar	1,400	3,000	4,200,000
Senatorial Scholarship	5,896	1,100	6,485,600
Delegate Scholarship	2,484	1,200	2,980,800

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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