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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility criteria for receipt of a Maryland Teacher  
5 Scholarship under certain circumstances; altering a certain definition; and  
6 generally relating to the program of Maryland teacher scholarships.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Education  
9 Section 18-2201(d)(1), 18-2202, and 18-2203(b)(2)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article - Education  
14 Section 18-2203(b)(1)(iv) and 18-2204(a)(2)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Education**

20 18-2201.

21 (d) (1) "Service obligation" means to teach full time in the State as a teacher  
22 in a Maryland public elementary or secondary school OR NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY  
23 OR SECONDARY SCHOOL THAT HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM OR IS  
24 REGISTERED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

1 18-2202.

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

5 18-2203.

6 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a recipient of the  
7 Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall:

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

10 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, an individual who,  
11 at the time the individual is scheduled to matriculate at an eligible institution, will  
12 have been employed as a teaching assistant at a public OR NONPUBLIC elementary or  
13 secondary school in the State for at least 2 years:

14 (i) May apply for a Maryland Teacher Scholarship under this  
15 subtitle; and

16 (ii) Is eligible to hold a Maryland Teacher Scholarship as a  
17 full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate student.

18 18-2204.

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

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

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 2004.