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By: **Delegate McHale**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program -**  
3 **Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy  
5 Memorial Scholarship Program to include students attending a Maryland high  
6 school at the time of application or persons who graduated from a Maryland  
7 high school within a certain time period; and generally relating to eligibility for  
8 the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Education  
11 Section 18-601  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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 18-601.

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

19 (2) "Disabled public safety employee" means a State or local public safety  
20 employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:

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

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

27 (3) "Surviving spouse" means a person who has not remarried.

- 1 (4) "State or local public safety employee" means a person who is:
- 2 (i) A career or volunteer member of a:
- 3 1. Fire department;
- 4 2. Ambulance company or squad; or
- 5 3. Rescue company or squad;
- 6 (ii) A law enforcement officer;
- 7 (iii) A correctional officer; or
- 8 (iv) A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a resident
- 9 of this State at the time of death.
- 10 (5) "Victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks" means a
- 11 Maryland resident who was killed as a result of the attacks on the World Trade
- 12 Center in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the crash of
- 13 United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.
- 14 (b) There is a program of scholarships that are awarded under this section.
- 15 (c) The Program is the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.
- 16 (d) A person may apply to the Office for a scholarship under this section if the
- 17 person:
- 18 (1) (I) Is a resident of Maryland;
- 19 (II) IS A STUDENT AT A MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL AT THE TIME OF
- 20 APPLICATION; OR
- 21 (III) GRADUATED FROM A MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN 3
- 22 MONTHS OF APPLICATION;
- 23 (2) (i) Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular
- 24 undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution; or
- 25 (ii) Is enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in which
- 26 the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate
- 27 program in an eligible institution; and
- 28 (3) (i) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a member of the
- 29 armed forces who was a resident of this State at the time the parent:
- 30 1. Died or was totally and permanently disabled as a result
- 31 of military service after December 7, 1941; or



1           (2)     The Office may not award more than 15 scholarships annually under  
2 subsection (d)(3)(v) of this section.

3           (3)     An award provided under subsection (d)(3)(vi) of this section may not  
4 exceed the amount specified in subsection (e)(2) of this section when combined with  
5 any other scholarship received by a student based on the student's status as a child or  
6 spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

7     (g)     The Commission:

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

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

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

14     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 July 1, 2004.