By: **Delegate McHale** Introduced and read first time: February 25, 2004 Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 3	Higher Education - Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program - Eligibility						
4 5 6 7 8	FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to include students attending a Maryland high school at the time of application or persons who graduated from a Maryland high school within a certain time period; and generally relating to eligibility for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.						
10 11 12	 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) 						
 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 							
16	6 Article - Education						
17	18-601.						
18	(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.						
19 20	(2) "Disabled public safety employee" means a State or local public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:						
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 20 21 22 23 24 25 	employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that: (i) Precludes the individual from continuing to serve or be employed as a State or local public safety employee; and						

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1		(4)	"State or local public safety employee" means a person who is:				
2			(i)	A caree	er 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 e	enforcement officer;		
7			(iii)	A corre	ectional officer; or		
8 9	8 (iv) A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a resident 9 of this State at the time of death.						
12	 (5) "Victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks" means a Maryland resident who was killed as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania. 						
14	(b) There is a program of scholarships that are awarded under this section.						
15	(c)	c) The Program is the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.					
16 17	(d) A person may apply to the Office for a scholarship under this section if the person:						
18		(1)	(I)	Is a resi	ident of Maryland;		
19 20	APPLICAT	TION; OI	R (II)	IS A ST	FUDENT AT A MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL AT THE TIME OF		
21 22	21 (III) GRADUATED FROM A MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN 3 22 MONTHS OF APPLICATION;						
23 24	undergradu	(2) ate, grad	(i) uate or pr		oted for admission or enrolled in the regular al program at an eligible institution; or		
	the course v program in			for trans	led in a 2-year terminal certificate program in which fer credit for an accredited baccalaureate		
28 29	armed force	(3) es who w	(i) as a resid		ast 16 years old and a son or daughter of a member of the is State at the time the parent:		
30 31	of military	service a	fter Dece	1. mber 7, 1	Died or was totally and permanently disabled as a result 941; or		

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3	if that occurred on or after Janu		Was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action, 960 as a result of the Vietnam conflict, and if parent was a prisoner of war or missing in					
	(ii) Was a prisoner of war on or after January 1, 1960 as a result of the Vietnam conflict and was a resident of this State at the time the person was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action;							
8 9	(iii) or local public safety employee	1. killed ii	Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of any State n the line of duty; or					
10 11	2. Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty;							
12	2 (iv)	Is a disa	abled public safety employee;					
13 14	3 (v) 4 Article, who:	Is a vete	eran, as defined under § 9-901 of the State Government					
15	5	1.	Suffers a service-related disability of 25% or greater; and					
16 17	5 7 educational benefits; or	2.	Has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans'					
18 19	3 (vi) 9 spouse of a victim of the Septe		st 16 years old and a son or daughter of or the surviving , 2001 terrorist attacks.					
20	(e) A scholarship awarded under this section:							
21 22	1 (1) May be u 2 institution; and	used for	the tuition and mandatory fees at any eligible					
23	3 (2) May not:	:						
26 27	(i) Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a resident undergraduate student at the 4-year public institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland University College and University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate; and							
29) (ii)	Be less	than the lesser of:					
30)	1.	\$3,000; or					
31 32	l 2 resident of the institution attend	2. ded by tl	The equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a he recipient of the scholarship.					

(f) (1) Each recipient of a scholarship under this section may hold the award
 for 5 years of full-time study or 8 years of part-time study.

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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.

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