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By: **Chairman, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**  
**(By Request - Departmental - Higher Education Commission)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Student Financial Assistance - Service Obligation**  
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for students who receive financial  
5 assistance from certain State scholarship programs containing service  
6 obligations; and generally relating to certain service obligation requirements for  
7 certain student financial assistance programs.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 18-110(a) and 18-701(c)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

13 BY repealing  
14 Article - Education  
15 Section 18-701(c-1)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Education**

21 18-110.

22 (a) Any student attending a public institution of higher education who is not a  
23 resident of this State and who is enrolled in an education course or program leading  
24 to an occupation as a licensed registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse shall pay  
25 only the tuition fees and other mandatory fees payable by a resident of this State if  
26 the student furnishes a surety bond or [guaranteed] promissory note to this State,

1 with security satisfactory to the Maryland Higher Education Commission, that, on  
2 completion of the education course or program, the student will work in this State for  
3 at least 4 years as a licensed registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse in a  
4 hospital or related institution, as defined in § 19-301 of the Health - General Article.

5 18-701.

6 (c) [Subject to subsection (c-1) of this section, a] A recipient of an Economic  
7 Development Student Assistance Grant under this subtitle shall:

8 (1) Be a resident of the State;

9 (2) Be selected by the Office from qualified applicants based on  
10 standards established and approved by the Commission;

11 (3) Sign a letter of intent to enroll at an eligible institution in the State  
12 in an eligible program as specified for each field in which there is a geographic or  
13 critical shortage in this State as provided in this subtitle;

14 (4) Furnish a [guaranteed] promissory note to the Commission or its  
15 designee with security satisfactory to the Commission;

16 (5) After completion of studies in an eligible program, perform the  
17 service obligation as specified for each field in which there is a geographic or critical  
18 shortage as provided in this subtitle; and

19 (6) Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

20 [(c-1) The provisions of subsection (c)(4) of this section may be waived by the  
21 Commission when a recipient is undergoing extraordinary circumstances as  
22 determined by the Commission.]

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