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

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CHAPTER _____

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 16-310(a)(3)(ii), 18-110(a)₂ 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:

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Article - Education2 16-310.

3 (a) (3) (ii) The student shall furnish a surety bond or [guaranteed]
4 promissory note to the State with security satisfactory to the Maryland Higher
5 Education Commission, that on completion of the Nursing Education Program, the
6 student will work for at least 2 years in a hospital or related institution as defined in
7 § 19-301 of the Health - General Article in this State.

8 18-110.

9 (a) Any student attending a public institution of higher education who is not a
10 resident of this State and who is enrolled in an education course or program leading
11 to an occupation as a licensed registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse shall pay
12 only the tuition fees and other mandatory fees payable by a resident of this State if
13 the student furnishes a surety bond or [guaranteed] promissory note to this State,
14 with security satisfactory to the Maryland Higher Education Commission, that, on
15 completion of the education course or program, the student will work in this State for
16 at least 4 years as a licensed registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse in a
17 hospital or related institution, as defined in § 19-301 of the Health - General Article.

18 18-701.

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

21 (1) Be a resident of the State;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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