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By: **Senators Pinsky and Hollinger**
Introduced and read first time: February 25, 2004
Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2   **Higher Education - Maryland Teacher Scholarships - Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to provide funding each fiscal year in the
4   annual budget of the Maryland Higher Education Commission to provide for a
5   certain number of new Maryland Teacher Scholarships and a certain number of
6   renewed Maryland Teacher Scholarships; requiring that certain excess funding
7   for Maryland Teacher Scholarships be distributed to the Maryland HOPE
8   Scholarship Program under certain circumstances; and generally relating to
9   funding for Maryland Teacher Scholarships.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11   Article - Education
12   Section 18-2209 and 18-2309
13   Annotated Code of Maryland
14   (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

17   **Article - Education**

18 18-2209.

19   (A)   [Funds for the Maryland teacher scholarship program shall be as
20 provided] EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING in the
21 annual budget of the Commission [by the Governor] TO PROVIDE FOR:

22   (1)   650 NEW MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS; AND

23   (2)   2,200 RENEWED MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.

24   (B)   IF THERE ARE EXCESS FUNDS DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF AWARD
25 RECIPIENTS, THE EXCESS FUNDS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE MARYLAND HOPE
26 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN § 18-2309 OF THIS TITLE.

1 18-2309.

2	[Funds] FUNDING for the Maryland HOPE Scholarship Program shall [be as]
3 CONSIST OF:

4	(1)	FUNDS provided in the annual budget of the Maryland Higher
5 Education Commission by the Governor; AND

6	(2)	ANY FUNDS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 18-2209(B) OF THIS
7 TITLE.

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