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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Services Scholarship and Loan Assistance Repayment Program -**
 3 **Establishment and Regulation**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Juvenile Services Scholarship and Loan
 5 Assistance Repayment Program; providing the eligibility requirements for
 6 applicants for the Juvenile Services Scholarship; providing for the amount,
 7 duration, and use of a certain scholarship award; requiring a certain scholarship
 8 award recipient to sign a certain service obligation agreement; providing the
 9 requirements of the service obligation; requiring the Office of Student Financial
 10 Assistance to send legislators a certain list by a certain date each year;
 11 providing the funding for the Juvenile Services Scholarship and Loan Assistance
 12 Repayment Program; requiring the Office to draft a certain plan; providing the
 13 eligibility requirements of the Juvenile Services Loan Assistance Repayment
 14 Program; requiring an applicant for a certain loan assistance program to
 15 demonstrate to the Office that a certain commercial loan was used for certain
 16 purposes; requiring the Office to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Office
 17 to submit certain plans to the Governor and the Legislative Policy Committee of
 18 the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and
 19 generally relating to the Juvenile Services Scholarship and Loan Assistance
 20 Repayment Program.

21 BY adding
 22 Article - Education
 23 Section 18-2801 through 18-2812, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
 24 "Subtitle 28. Juvenile Services Scholarship and Loan Assistance
 25 Repayment Program"
 26 Annotated Code of Maryland
 27 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Education**2 SUBTITLE 28. JUVENILE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN ASSISTANCE
3 REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

4 18-2801.

5 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
6 INDICATED.7 (B) (1) "ELIGIBLE FIELD OF EMPLOYMENT" MEANS EMPLOYMENT IN THE
8 STATE BY AN ORGANIZATION, INSTITUTION, ASSOCIATION, SOCIETY, OR
9 CORPORATION THAT WORKS WITH LOW-INCOME OR UNDERSERVED JUVENILES
10 THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OR (4) OF THE INTERNAL
11 REVENUE CODE OF 1986.12 (2) "ELIGIBLE FIELD OF EMPLOYMENT" INCLUDES EMPLOYMENT BY
13 THE STATE OR ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE STATE.14 (C) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF
15 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE THAT POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL
16 FROM THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.17 (D) "HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN" MEANS ANY LOAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE OR
18 GRADUATE STUDY THAT IS OBTAINED FOR TUITION, EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES, OR
19 LIVING EXPENSES FROM:20 (1) A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, GOVERNMENT, OR COMMERCIAL
21 SOURCE; OR22 (2) AN ORGANIZATION, INSTITUTION, ASSOCIATION, SOCIETY, OR
23 CORPORATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OR (4) OF THE
24 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.

25 (E) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

26 (F) "REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM" MEANS AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM
27 OF STUDY IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT OR BELOW THE
28 BACCALAUREATE LEVEL LEADING TO EITHER AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR
29 BACHELOR'S DEGREE.30 (G) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE
31 STATE.

32 18-2802.

33 (A) THERE IS A JUVENILE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN ASSISTANCE
34 REPAYMENT PROGRAM IN THIS STATE THAT AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROVIDES
35 LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

1 (B) THE OFFICE SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE JUVENILE
2 SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

3 18-2803.

4 EACH RECIPIENT OF A JUVENILE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP SHALL:

5 (1) BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION IN A REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE
6 PROGRAM AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IN THE STATE;

7 (2) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

8 (3) BEGIN ATTENDING AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION WITHIN 2 YEARS OF
9 COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL OR, FAILING TO DO SO, PROVIDE EVIDENCE
10 SATISFACTORY TO THE OFFICE OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES;

11 (4) ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION;

12 (5) ACCEPT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE AWARD; AND

13 (6) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE MARYLAND HIGHER
14 EDUCATION COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH.

15 18-2804.

16 (A) THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000
17 FOR A STUDENT ENROLLED AT A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OR \$3,000 FOR A
18 STUDENT ENROLLED IN A 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

19 (B) A STUDENT WHO TRANSFERS FROM A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION TO A
20 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION MAY RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN
21 THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 ONCE THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED AT THE 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE
22 INSTITUTION.

23 18-2805.

24 A JUVENILE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED AT AN ELIGIBLE
25 INSTITUTION IN THE STATE.

26 18-2806.

27 (A) EACH RECIPIENT OF A JUVENILE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP MAY HOLD THE
28 AWARD FOR 5 YEARS IF THE RECIPIENT:

29 (1) CONTINUES TO BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

30 (2) CONTINUES TO BE A FULL-TIME STUDENT AT AN ELIGIBLE
31 INSTITUTION IN THE STATE AND TAKES AT LEAST 12 SEMESTER HOURS OF COURSES
32 EACH SEMESTER OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE;

1 (3) IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE INSTITUTION, IS MAKING SATISFACTORY
2 PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE; AND

3 (4) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

4 (B) EACH RECIPIENT OF A JUVENILE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS
5 ENROLLED IN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM AS PERMITTED IN THIS SUBTITLE
6 MAY HOLD THE AWARD FOR 3 YEARS IF THE SAME CONDITIONS OF SUBSECTION (A)
7 OF THIS SECTION ARE MET.

8 (C) EACH RECIPIENT OF A JUVENILE SERVICES CASE MANAGER
9 SCHOLARSHIP WHO TRANSFERS FROM A 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION TO A
10 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION MAY HOLD THE AWARD FOR A TOTAL OF 5 YEARS,
11 INCLUDING THE YEARS AT BOTH THE 2-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AND THE
12 4-YEAR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, IF THE SAME CONDITIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF
13 THIS SECTION ARE MET.

14 (D) A RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD MADE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL RECEIVE
15 THE AWARD FOR EACH YEAR INDICATED IN WHICH THE RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE IF
16 THE RECIPIENT SIGNS AN AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL AWARD TO:

17 (1) COMMENCE EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER
18 COMPLETION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE
19 SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED; AND

20 (2) REPAY THE STATE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE
21 AS SET FORTH IN § 18-112 OF THIS TITLE IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

22 (I) SATISFY THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELIGIBLE
23 INSTITUTION OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE;
24 AND

25 (II) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH
26 YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

27 (E) THE SERVICE OBLIGATION BEGINS AFTER GRADUATION AND CANNOT BE
28 FULFILLED PRIOR TO GRADUATION FROM AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

29 18-2807.

30 ON OR BEFORE MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE OFFICE SHALL SEND EACH SENATOR
31 AND EACH DELEGATE A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS IN EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT TO
32 WHOM JUVENILE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED.

33 18-2808.

34 A JUVENILE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED FOR TUITION AND
35 MANDATORY FEES AT ANY ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

1 18-2809.

2 FUNDS FOR THE JUVENILE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN ASSISTANCE
3 REPAYMENT PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE
4 MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

5 18-2810.

6 THE OFFICE SHALL DRAFT A PLAN TO ADMINISTER A JUVENILE SERVICES
7 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

8 18-2811.

9 (A) THE OFFICE SHALL ASSIST IN THE REPAYMENT OF ANY HIGHER
10 EDUCATION LOAN OWED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

11 (1) RECEIVES A GRADUATE, PROFESSIONAL, OR UNDERGRADUATE
12 DEGREE FROM:

13 (I) A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND; OR

14 (II) A SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK;

15 (2) OBTAINS ELIGIBLE EMPLOYMENT;

16 (3) RECEIVES AN INCOME THAT IS LESS THAN THE MAXIMUM ELIGIBLE
17 TOTAL INCOME LEVELS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE, INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONAL
18 SOURCES OF INCOME; AND

19 (4) SATISFIES ANY OTHER CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE.

20 (B) AN APPLICANT FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE REPAYMENT OF A COMMERCIAL
21 LOAN SHALL DEMONSTRATE TO THE OFFICE THAT THE COMMERCIAL LOAN WAS
22 USED FOR TUITION, EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES, OR LIVING EXPENSES FOR GRADUATE
23 OR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY.

24 (C) THE OFFICE SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH:

25 (1) THE MAXIMUM STARTING INCOME FOR ELIGIBILITY IN THE
26 JUVENILE SERVICES LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM;

27 (2) THE MAXIMUM TOTAL INCOME FOR ELIGIBILITY IN THE JUVENILE
28 SERVICES LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM, INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONAL
29 SOURCES OF INCOME;

30 (3) THAT PRIORITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM SHALL BE
31 GIVEN TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

32 (I) GRADUATED FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN
33 THE LAST 3 YEARS;

1 (II) IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

2 (III) IS EMPLOYED ON A FULL-TIME BASIS; AND

3 (IV) PROVIDES, AS THE PRINCIPAL PART OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S
4 EMPLOYMENT, SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME OR UNDERSERVED JUVENILE RESIDENTS
5 IN THE STATE;

6 (4) A LIMIT ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE
7 OFFICE IN REPAYING THE LOAN OF AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL, BASED ON THE
8 INDIVIDUAL'S TOTAL INCOME AND OUTSTANDING HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN
9 BALANCE;

10 (5) A PROCEDURE AND SCHEDULE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNT
11 OF LOAN ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE TO THE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL; AND

12 (6) AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL
13 PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM.

14 (D) THE OFFICE SHALL ADOPT ANY OTHER REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO
15 IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

16 18-2812.

17 THE OFFICE SHALL SUBMIT THE PLANS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
18 JUVENILE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM
19 TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY BY OCTOBER 30, 2005.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 July 1, 2005.