

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Harris**
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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Student Financial Assistance - Deferment from Service Obligation**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the
4 Maryland Higher Education Commission to grant a deferment from a certain
5 service obligation to certain individuals under certain circumstances; and
6 generally relating to the granting of a deferment from the service obligation
7 component of a scholarship awarded by the Maryland Higher Education
8 Commission.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article - Education
11 Section 18-101
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Education
16 Section 18-205
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Education**

22 18-101.

- 23 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 24 (b) "Commission" means the Maryland Higher Education Commission.
- 25 (c) "Office" means the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

1 (d) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Higher Education.

2 18-205.

3 THE OFFICE SHALL GRANT A DEFERMENT FROM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION
4 COMPONENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS TITLE TO:

5 (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED MILITARY DUTY OUTSIDE
6 OF THE STATE; OR

7 (2) THE SPOUSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED
8 MILITARY DUTY OUTSIDE OF THE STATE.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2005.