

BY: Committee on Ways and Means and Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 3

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Hammen” and substitute “Hammen, Aumann, Barkley, Bartlett, Barve, Benson, Bobo, Boteler, Bozman, Branch, Bromwell, Bronrott, Burns, Cadden, Cane, Cardin, G. Clagett, V. Clagett, Conroy, Conway, D. Davis, Donoghue, Doory, Dumais, Edwards, Elliott, Elmore, Feldman, Frank, Gaines, Glassman, Goodwin, Gordon, Griffith, Gutierrez, Harrison, Haynes, Healey, Heller, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard, James, Jameson, Jennings, Jones, Kaiser, Kelley, King, Krebs, Krysiak, Kullen, Lawton, Lee, Leopold, Levy, Love, Madaleno, Malone, Mandel, Mayer, McComas, McConkey, McHale, McIntosh, McKee, McMillan, Menes, Moe, Montgomery, Morhaim, Murray, Nathan-Pulliam, Niemann, O'Donnell, Paige, Parker, Patterson, Pendergrass, Petzold, Proctor, Pugh, Quinter, Rosenberg, Shank, Smigiel, Sophocleus, Sossi, Stern, Trueschler, F. Turner, V. Turner, Vallario, Vaughn, Zirkin, Boschert, Cryor, C. Davis, Gilleland, Marriott, Myers, Ramirez, Ross, Goldwater, Costa, Kach, Kohl, McDonough, Oaks, Rudolph, and Weldon”; in line 6, after “changes;” insert “defining a certain term;”; in line 15, after “Commission;” insert “requiring that certain funds provided for scholarships be used in subsequent fiscal years under certain circumstances;”; and in line 23, after “Fund;” insert “requiring that the Commission transfer certain unspent Senatorial and Delegate scholarship funds to fund Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarships;”.

On page 2, after line 17, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 18-407, 18-501, and 18-601(a) and (d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)”;

and strike in their entirety lines 23 through 27, inclusive.

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 12, insert:

“18-407.

(a) Each Senator shall award all of his senatorial scholarships on or before September 1 of each year.

(b) If any Senator fails to award all of his scholarships on or before September 1 of each year, the Commission shall make the remaining awards to applicants from the Senator’s legislative district who:

(1) Scored highest on the competitive examination; or

(2) Are attending an eligible institution and have completed at least 1 year in good academic standing.

(c) The Office shall:

(1) Notify each Senator of the applicants to whom it awards the Senator’s scholarships; and

(2) Announce publicly the names of all recipients.

(d) To the extent a scholarship awarded under § 18-404 of this subtitle is not used by a student, moneys appropriated to the Commission for that award not used by the end of the fiscal year shall be retained by the Commission for use by the awarding Senator in the Senatorial Scholarship Program during subsequent fiscal years.

(E) FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE ENDING IN JANUARY 2007 ONLY, THE COMMISSION SHALL TRANSFER ANY UNSPENT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS REMAINING AT THE END OF A SENATOR’S TERM TO FUND THE VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 18-604 OF THIS TITLE.

18-501.

(a) There is a program of Delegate Scholarships in this State that are awarded under this subtitle.

(b) A scholarship awarded under this subtitle may be used at:

(1) An eligible institution for a program of undergraduate, graduate, or professional studies;

(2) An accredited undergraduate, graduate, or professional institution outside the State, if:

(i) The applicant will be studying in an academic area that is not available in this State; or

(ii) 1. The applicant is disabled;

2. The applicant will be studying at an institution outside the State that makes special provisions for disabled students; and

3. Comparable special provisions are not available to that student at an institution in the State; and

(3) A private career school within the State that is approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 11-202 of this article and that is accredited by a national accrediting association that is approved by the United States Department of Education.

(c) Moneys appropriated to the Commission for scholarships awarded under this section that are not used by the end of the fiscal year shall be retained by the Commission for use by the awarding Delegate in the Delegate Scholarship Program during subsequent fiscal years.

(D) FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE ENDING IN JANUARY 2007 ONLY, THE COMMISSION SHALL TRANSFER ANY UNSPENT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS REMAINING AT THE END OF A DELEGATE'S TERM TO FUND THE VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN

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AND IRAQ CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 18-604 OF THIS TITLE.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 13, insert:

“(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Disabled public safety employee” means a State or local public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:

(i) Precludes the individual from continuing to serve or be employed as a State or local public safety employee; and

(ii) In the case of a volunteer member of a fire department or ambulance or rescue company or squad, precludes the member from continuing to be employed in the nonpublic safety occupation in which the member is engaged at the time of the injury.

(3) “SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY” MEANS A DISABILITY THAT WAS INCURRED OR AGGRAVATED WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE MILITARY AND IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

[(3)] (4) “Surviving spouse” means a person who has not remarried.

[(4)] (5) “State or local public safety employee” means a person who is:

(i) A career or volunteer member of a:

1. Fire department;

2. Ambulance company or squad; or

3. Rescue company or squad;

(ii) A law enforcement officer;

(iii) A correctional officer; or

(iv) A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a resident of this State at the time of death.

[5] (6) “Victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks” means a Maryland resident who was killed as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, in line 34, strike “2-YEAR”.

On page 6, in line 4, strike “(C)(4)” and substitute “(C)(3)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6, in line 11, after “SHALL” insert “:

(I)”;

in line 12, strike the period and substitute “; AND

(II) INCLUDE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER §§ 18-407(E) AND 18-501(D) OF THIS TITLE.

(2) MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SECTION OR TRANSFERRED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER §§ 18-407(E) AND 18-501(D) OF THIS TITLE THAT IS NOT USED BY THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR:

(I) MAY NOT REVERT TO THE STATE TREASURY; AND

(II) SHALL BE USED TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THIS SECTION DURING SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS.”;

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in line 13, strike “(2)” and substitute “(L) (1)”; and in line 25, strike “(3)” and substitute “(2)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 8, after line 16, insert:

“(3) THE DIRECTOR SHALL WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION TO ACTIVELY HELP VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS BECOME AWARE OF AND ACCESS EDUCATION AND TRAINING BENEFITS.”.