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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships - Transfer of**
3 **Unspent Funds to the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment**
4 **Program**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to
6 transfer certain unspent funds at the end of the term of office of a Senator to the
7 Office of Student Financial Assistance for the purpose of funding the Janet L.
8 Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program; requiring the Office of Student
9 Financial Assistance to transfer certain unspent funds at the end of the term of
10 office of a Delegate to fund the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment
11 Program; and generally relating to the transfer of unspent funds from
12 Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article - Education
15 Section 18-407, 18-408, and 18-507
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article - Education
20 Section 18-409 and 18-508
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

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Article - Education

2 18-407.

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

5 (b) If any Senator fails to award all of his scholarships on or before September
6 1 of each year, the Commission shall make the remaining awards to applicants from
7 the Senator's legislative district who:

8 (1) Scored highest on the competitive examination; or

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

11 (c) The Office shall:

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

14 (2) Announce publicly the names of all recipients.

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

20 18-408.

21 (a) If there is no qualified applicant in a legislative district, a qualified
22 applicant who resides in another legislative district may be appointed to receive the
23 senatorial scholarship.

24 (b) A senatorial scholarship awarded under this section is for 1 year. However,
25 a student who receives an appointment under this section is eligible to receive a
26 subsequent appointment for not longer than 3 years.

27 18-409.

28 (A) IF THERE ARE ANY UNSPENT FUNDS REMAINING AT THE END OF A
29 SENATOR'S TERM OF OFFICE, THE COMMISSION SHALL TRANSFER THE UNSPENT
30 FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

31 (B) THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHALL USE THE FUNDS
32 TRANSFERRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO FUND THE JANET L.
33 HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM UNDER SUBTITLE 15 OF THIS
34 TITLE.

1 18-507.

2 (a) Beginning in fiscal year 1996, each Delegate may authorize the Office of
3 Student Financial Assistance to award all or a portion of the funds authorized under
4 this subtitle to eligible recipients of an Educational Excellence Award who reside in
5 the Delegate's legislative district.

6 (b) In the event that the total number of eligible recipients of an Educational
7 Excellence Award who reside in the Delegate's legislative district is insufficient to
8 utilize the total amount of funds available to the Delegate for any fiscal year, the
9 Office of Student Financial Assistance may, with the consent of the Delegate, award
10 the unused funds to other eligible recipients throughout the State.

11 18-508.

12 (A) IF THERE ARE ANY UNSPENT FUNDS REMAINING AT THE END OF A
13 DELEGATE'S TERM OF OFFICE, THE COMMISSION SHALL TRANSFER THE UNSPENT
14 FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

15 (B) THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHALL USE THE FUNDS
16 TRANSFERRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO FUND THE JANET L.
17 HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM UNDER SUBTITLE 15 OF THIS
18 TITLE.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2006.