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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Teacher Quality Act of 2006**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the National Board Certified Teacher Pilot Program
4 in the State Department of Education; authorizing the State Superintendent of
5 Schools to select a certain number of public school systems and a certain number
6 of public schools to participate in the Program; requiring the State to reimburse
7 a county board of education for certain costs under certain conditions; requiring
8 eligible schools to employ certain teachers who are certified ~~or who are seeking~~
9 ~~to be certified~~ by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards for
10 certain purposes under the Program; ~~requiring certain eligible schools to meet~~
11 ~~certain conditions to receive State funding under the Program; requiring certain~~
12 ~~teachers to be included in a certain State and local aid program; requiring the~~
13 Department to submit certain reports; ~~requiring the State Board of Education to~~
14 ~~establish an incentive program to encourage the use and expansion of~~
15 ~~professional development schools in the State; prohibiting a public school or~~
16 ~~public school system from employing an individual holding a Resident Teaching~~
17 ~~Certificate at certain schools under certain circumstances; requiring the State~~
18 ~~Board of Education to establish an incentive program to encourage public school~~
19 ~~systems to adopt a teacher support system and improve teacher retention;~~
20 ~~altering the eligibility requirements for the Sharon Christa McAuliffe Memorial~~
21 ~~Teacher Education Award program to include certain students in certain areas~~
22 ~~of critical need; repealing certain eligibility under the program; altering the~~
23 ~~number of years certain students may receive a grant under the program;~~
24 ~~establishing the Alternative Teaching Opportunity Grant program in the~~
25 ~~Maryland Higher Education Commission; establishing eligibility criteria for~~

1 ~~scholarship awards under the program; authorizing awards to be used for~~
 2 ~~certain purposes; altering the eligibility requirements for certain loan assistance~~
 3 ~~repayments under the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program;~~
 4 ~~requiring the Governor to include certain amounts in the annual budget~~
 5 ~~submission for certain programs for certain fiscal years; requiring the State~~
 6 ~~Board of Education to adopt certain regulations to implement certain programs~~
 7 ~~a certain program; defining certain terms; and generally relating to public~~
 8 ~~school teachers and programs to increase the availability of qualified teachers in~~
 9 ~~public schools.~~

10 BY adding to
 11 Article - Education
 12 Section ~~6-117, 6-118, 6-119, 6-120, and 18-708~~
 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
 14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 16 Article - Education
 17 Section ~~18-703 and~~ 18-1502
 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
 19 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

22 **Article - Education**

23 6-117.

24 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
 25 INDICATED.

26 (2) "NBC TEACHER" MEANS A TEACHER WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE
 27 NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS.

28 (3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHER
 29 PILOT PROGRAM.

30 (4) "ELIGIBLE SCHOOL" MEANS A MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT IS A:

31 (I) TITLE I SCHOOL; OR

32 (II) SCHOOL IDENTIFIED FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT,
 33 CORRECTIVE ACTION, OR RESTRUCTURING UNDER THE ACCOUNTABILITY
 34 REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD.

35 (B) ~~(+)~~ THERE IS A NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHER PILOT PROGRAM
 36 IN THE STATE.

1 (2) ~~THE PROGRAM SHALL CONSIST OF THREE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS~~
2 ~~ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (C) THROUGH (E) OF THIS SECTION.~~

3 (C) (1) ~~SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND WITH THE APPROVAL~~
4 ~~OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTY BOARD, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL MAY~~
5 ~~SELECT THREE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM~~
6 ~~ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.~~

7 (2) WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTY BOARD, THE
8 STATE SUPERINTENDENT ~~SHALL MAY~~ DESIGNATE SIX ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS FROM
9 AMONG THE SCHOOL SYSTEMS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

10 (3) AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL MUST EMPLOY THREE NBC TEACHERS IN
11 EACH FISCAL YEAR THE SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM.

12 (4) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THAT AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL PARTICIPATES
13 IN THE PROGRAM, THE STATE SHALL REIMBURSE THE COUNTY BOARD FOR THE
14 BOARD'S COST OF EMPLOYING ONE TEACHER AT THE ELIGIBLE SCHOOL, NOT TO
15 EXCEED \$62,000 ANNUALLY, PROVIDED THAT THE WORKLOADS OF THE THREE NBC
16 TEACHERS INCLUDE:

17 (I) FOR NBC TEACHERS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

18 1. NO MORE THAN 67% TEACHING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES;

19 AND

20 2. NO LESS THAN 33% TEACHER LEADERSHIP AND
21 MENTORING ACTIVITIES; AND

22 (II) FOR NBC TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

23 1. TEACHING FOR THE EQUIVALENT OF THREE CLASS
24 PERIODS; AND

25 2. PROVIDING TEACHER LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING
26 ACTIVITIES FOR THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO CLASS PERIODS.

27 ~~(D) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL:~~

28 ~~(I) FOR WHICH THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OR DESIGNEE HAS~~
29 ~~MET AND CONSULTED WITH INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS BEFORE HIRING A NEW~~
30 ~~PRINCIPAL FOR THE SCHOOL;~~

31 ~~(II) THAT HAS A NEW PRINCIPAL WITHIN 1 YEAR PRIOR TO~~
32 ~~PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM;~~

33 ~~(III) THAT HAS UNDERGONE A STAFF RESTRUCTURING IN WHICH~~
34 ~~TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS HAVE MADE A 3-YEAR COMMITMENT TO WORK AT~~
35 ~~THE SCHOOL; AND~~

36 ~~(IV) THAT EMPLOYS THREE NBC TEACHERS.~~

1 (2) WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTY BOARD, THE
2 STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SELECT SIX ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS IN THE STATE TO
3 PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION FOR A
4 PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.

5 (3) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THAT AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL PARTICIPATES
6 IN THE PROGRAM, THE STATE SHALL REIMBURSE THE COUNTY BOARD FOR THE
7 BOARD'S COST OF EMPLOYING ONE TEACHER AT THE ELIGIBLE SCHOOL, NOT TO
8 EXCEED \$62,000 ANNUALLY, PROVIDED THAT THE WORKLOADS OF THE THREE NBC
9 TEACHERS INCLUDE:

10 (4) FOR NBC TEACHERS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

11 1. NO MORE THAN 67% TEACHING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES;
12 AND

13 2. NO LESS THAN 33% TEACHER LEADERSHIP AND
14 MENTORING ACTIVITIES; AND

15 (4) FOR NBC TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

16 1. TEACHING FOR THE EQUIVALENT OF THREE CLASS
17 PERIODS; AND

18 2. PROVIDING TEACHER LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING
19 ACTIVITIES FOR THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO CLASS PERIODS.

20 (4) IN ADDITION TO THE REIMBURSEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF
21 THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE SHALL REIMBURSE A COUNTY BOARD FOR 75% OF THE
22 COST OF 1 ADDITIONAL MONTH OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NO MORE THAN 30 TEACHERS
23 AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF AT AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE PURPOSE OF
24 PROFESSIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TEAM PLANNING.

25 (5) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL IN THE STATE
26 WITH AT LEAST THREE TEACHERS WHO HAVE:

27 (1) AGREED TO PURSUE CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD
28 FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS; AND

29 (2) SIGNED A LETTER OF INTENT TO TEACH AT THE SCHOOL FOR 3
30 YEARS.

31 (2) WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTY BOARD, THE
32 STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SELECT SIX ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS IN THE STATE TO
33 PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION FOR A
34 PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.

35 (3) THE STATE MAY REIMBURSE THE COUNTY BOARD FOR THE BOARD'S
36 COST OF EMPLOYING ONE STAFF DEVELOPMENT TEACHER AT AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL,
37 NOT TO EXCEED \$62,000 ANNUALLY.

1 ~~(4)~~ CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION UNDER THIS
2 SUBSECTION SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE AND LOCAL AID PROGRAM FOR
3 CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS
4 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 6-112 OF THIS TITLE.

5 ~~(F)~~ FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2010, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE
6 IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION \$1,800,000 FOR THE PROGRAM.

7 ~~(G)~~ ~~(D)~~ THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT AND
8 ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

9 ~~(H)~~ ~~(E)~~ ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF THE YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2010, THE
10 DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN
11 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE
12 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM.

13 ~~6-118.~~

14 ~~(A)~~ IN THIS SECTION, "PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL" MEANS A
15 PARTNERSHIP, BETWEEN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE
16 AND ONE OR MORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THAT PROVIDES ACADEMIC AND CLASSROOM
17 TRAINING FOR TEACHING CANDIDATES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
18 OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.

19 ~~(B)~~ ~~(1)~~ THE STATE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO
20 ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF PROFESSIONAL
21 DEVELOPMENT SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.

22 ~~(2)~~ THE PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO
23 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
24 DEVELOPING AND EXPANDING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOLS.

25 ~~(C)~~ THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT AND
26 ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING:

27 ~~(1)~~ PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS; AND

28 ~~(2)~~ CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS.

29 ~~6-119.~~

30 ~~(A)~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A COUNTY
31 BOARD MAY NOT EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL HOLDING A RESIDENT TEACHER
32 CERTIFICATE TO TEACH AT A SCHOOL IDENTIFIED FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT,
33 CORRECTIVE ACTION, OR RESTRUCTURING UNDER THE ACCOUNTABILITY
34 REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD.

35 ~~(B)~~ THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A RESIDENT TEACHER WHO
36 PARTICIPATES IN A RESIDENT TEACHER CERTIFICATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

1 ESTABLISHED BY AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE AND A
2 COUNTY BOARD THAT:

3 (1) LEADS TO A PARTICIPANT RECEIVING A RESIDENT TEACHER
4 CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

5 (2) INCLUDES TRAINING ON TEACHING TECHNIQUES AND THEORIES,
6 AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT; AND

7 (3) INCLUDES PART TIME OR FULL TIME TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS
8 WITH COLLABORATIVE SUPERVISION AND MENTORING OF THE RESIDENT TEACHER
9 BY THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM.

10 ~~6-120.~~

11 (A) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO
12 ENCOURAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO:

13 (1) ADOPT A TEACHER SUPPORT SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES YEAR LONG
14 ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO TEACHERS THROUGH A TEACHER CONSULTING
15 PROGRAM IN WHICH CONSULTING TEACHERS ARE FULLY TRAINED AND APPLY
16 RIGOROUS TEACHING STANDARDS; AND

17 (2) IMPROVE TEACHER RETENTION DURING THE FIRST 5 YEARS OF
18 SERVICE.

19 (B) THE PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO COUNTY BOARDS
20 AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
21 TEACHER SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE TEACHER RETENTION.

22 (C) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT AND
23 ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING:

24 (1) PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS; AND

25 (2) CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS.

26 ~~18-703.~~

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

28 (2) "Area of critical shortage OR NEED" means:

29 (I) [an] AN academic field or educational service identified by the
30 State Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of this
31 section as having projected employment vacancies which substantially exceed
32 projected qualified graduates;

33 (II) A TITLE I SCHOOL; OR

1 (III) A PUBLIC SCHOOL IDENTIFIED FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT,
2 CORRECTIVE ACTION, OR RESTRUCTURING UNDER THE ACCOUNTABILITY
3 REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD.

4 ~~[(3)]~~ "Area of geographic shortage" means a geographic area of the State
5 identified by the State Board of Education as less able than others in the State to
6 satisfy the need for public school teachers in an academic field identified for at least
7 3 years as an area of critical shortage.

8 ~~(4)]~~ (3) "Degreed recipient" means a recipient of a tuition assistance
9 grant under this section who possesses an undergraduate or graduate degree.

10 ~~[(5)]~~ (4) "Educational service" means speech language pathology or
11 audiology services.

12 ~~[(6)]~~ (5) "Eligible institution" means an accredited college or university
13 that has a program of undergraduate or graduate studies that would certify the
14 recipient to teach in this State in an area of critical shortage and which is:

15 (i) Authorized by the Maryland Higher Education Commission;
16 and

17 (ii) Approved by the State Board of Education.

18 ~~[(7)]~~ (6) "Nondegreed recipient" means a recipient of a tuition assistance
19 grant awarded under this section who does not possess an undergraduate or graduate
20 degree in an area of critical shortage.

21 ~~[(8)]~~ (7) "Public school" means a school in the public elementary and
22 secondary education system in this State.

23 ~~[(9)]~~ (8) "Service obligation" means to teach in the State in an area of
24 geographic or critical shortage in a public school.

25 ~~[(10)]~~ (9) "Teach" includes providing an educational service.

26 ~~[(11)]~~ (10) "Teacher" includes an individual who provides an educational
27 service in a public school.

28 ~~[(12)]~~ (11) "Teacher recipient" means a recipient of a tuition assistance
29 grant awarded under this section employed or certified as a teacher in a field which is
30 not an area of critical shortage.

31 ~~[(13)]~~ (12) "Tuition assistance" means any funds provided for the cost of
32 basic instructional charges, fees, room, board, or other related educational expenses.

33 (b) (1) Economic Development Student Assistance Grants to be known as
34 the Sharon Christa McAuliffe Memorial Teacher Education Award may be awarded as
35 teacher education tuition assistance grants.

1 (2) The Office shall award annually to eligible applicants tuition
2 assistance grants for the education of persons to teach in areas of critical [or
3 geographic] shortage OR NEED.

4 (3) The recipient of a teacher education tuition assistance grant shall use
5 the award at an eligible institution.

6 (4) The State Board of Education may adopt rules and regulations to
7 determine academic criteria for selection of tuition assistance recipients from eligible
8 applicants.

9 (e) A recipient of a tuition assistance grant shall:

10 (1) Qualify as follows:

11 (i) Have earned [60] 30 credits of undergraduate collegiate
12 education and be enrolled in or sign a letter of intent to enroll in a program leading to
13 certification to teach in an area of critical [or geographic] shortage OR NEED and be
14 selected by the Office on a competitive basis among qualified applicants based on
15 academic criteria, not limited to standardized tests, established by the State Board of
16 Education;

17 (ii) Have earned an undergraduate or graduate degree on or after
18 January 1, 1986, and be enrolled in or sign a letter of intent to enroll in courses
19 leading to certification to teach in an area of critical [or geographic] shortage OR
20 NEED and be selected among qualified applicants on a competitive basis based on
21 academic criteria established by the State Board of Education;

22 (iii) Have earned an undergraduate or graduate degree on or before
23 December 31, 1985, and be enrolled in or sign a letter of intent to enroll in courses
24 leading to certification to teach in an area of critical [or geographic] shortage OR
25 NEED and be selected among qualified applicants on a competitive basis based on
26 criteria established by the State Board of Education that exclude consideration of the
27 applicant's grade point average; or

28 (iv) Persons who are already teachers shall:

29 1. Be nominated by the superintendent of schools of the
30 system in which the person teaches or intends to teach;

31 2. Enroll as a student in courses required for teacher
32 certification in an academic area in which there is a critical [or geographic] shortage
33 of teachers; and

34 3. Be selected by the Office on a competitive basis among
35 qualified applicants based on criteria established by the State Board of Education;

36 (2) Sign a letter of intent as follows:

- 1 (i) A nondegreed recipient who is not already a teacher shall be
2 enrolled in or sign a letter of intent to enroll in an eligible institution as a student in
3 an undergraduate program necessary for teacher education;
- 4 (ii) A degreed recipient shall enroll in or sign a letter of intent to
5 enroll in courses leading to certification to teach in an area of critical [or geographic]
6 shortage OR NEED; or
- 7 (iii) A recipient who is already a teacher shall sign a letter of intent
8 to enroll in an eligible institution as a student in a teacher certification program in an
9 area in which there is a critical [or geographic] shortage of teachers;
- 10 (3) Perform the service obligation upon completion of required studies;
- 11 (4) Maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and
12 advance in academic standing at least 1 year in each year in which an award is
13 renewed; and
- 14 (5) Satisfy whatever other criteria the Office and the State Board of
15 Education establish.
- 16 (d) Grants to teacher recipients may not be used to supplant retraining efforts
17 by local boards of education.
- 18 (e) (1) For a full time student, the annual amount of tuition assistance shall
19 be equal to the cost of tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board, not to exceed the
20 lesser of costs incurred for the program required for teacher certification in an area of
21 critical [or geographic] shortage OR NEED or the sum of these costs for a full time
22 undergraduate in State resident student at the 4 year public institution of higher
23 education within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of
24 Maryland University College and University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the
25 highest annual expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate.
- 26 (2) For a part time student, the amount of an award may not exceed the
27 applicable cost of tuition and mandatory fees for a comparable undergraduate
28 in State student at the 4 year public institution of higher education within the
29 University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland University
30 College and University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual expenses for
31 a full-time resident undergraduate.
- 32 (f) (1) A nondegreed recipient may renew an award for [1 year] 2 YEARS if
33 the recipient:
- 34 (i) Remains an undergraduate student in an area of critical [or
35 geographic] shortage OR NEED; and
- 36 (ii) Maintains a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
37 and advances in academic standing at least 1 year for each year for which an award
38 is renewed.

1 (2) A degreed recipient and a teacher recipient may renew an award for
2 1 year if that recipient maintains a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

3 (g) (1) The State Superintendent of Schools shall project annually the
4 number of vacancies for employment expected in each of the subsequent 5 years in
5 areas of critical [or geographic] shortage and the number of students expected to
6 graduate from programs qualifying them to teach in these fields during the same
7 period. The State Superintendent of Schools shall certify annually to the Office those
8 programs that continue to be areas of critical [or geographic] shortage as evidenced
9 by projected employment vacancies substantially exceeding projected qualified
10 graduates.

11 (2) In any year in which an area is determined by the State
12 Superintendent of Schools to no longer be an area of critical [or geographic] shortage,
13 the Office shall discontinue making new awards in that area.

14 (3) Deletion of any academic field as an area of critical [or geographic]
15 shortage does not:

16 (i) Terminate the right of existing recipients to renew awards
17 under § 18-704(d) of this subtitle; or

18 (ii) If the recipient continues to teach in a public school in this State
19 in that academic field, invoke the provisions of § 18-701(d)(1) of this subtitle or
20 disqualify the recipient under the provisions of § 18-701(d)(2) of this subtitle.

21 (h) (1) [~~Funds~~] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
22 SUBSECTION, FUNDS for the SHARON CHRISTA MCAULIFFE MEMORIAL Teacher
23 Education Tuition Assistance Program shall be as provided in the annual budget of
24 the Commission by the Governor.

25 (2) ~~THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET~~
26 ~~SUBMISSION FOR THE SHARON CHRISTA MCAULIFFE MEMORIAL TEACHER~~
27 ~~EDUCATION TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE SUM OF~~
28 ~~THE APPROPRIATION INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET SUBMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007~~
29 ~~AND:~~

30 (I) ~~FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 — \$1,000,000;~~

31 (II) ~~FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 — \$2,000,000; AND~~

32 (III) ~~FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 — \$3,000,000.~~

33 ~~18-708.~~

34 (A) (1) ~~IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS~~
35 ~~INDICATED.~~

1 (2) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR
2 UNIVERSITY THAT HAS A PROGRAM OF STUDIES THAT WOULD LEAD TO A RECIPIENT
3 RECEIVING A TEACHING CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

4 (3) "GRANT" MEANS AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHING OPPORTUNITY GRANT
5 AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

6 (4) "RECIPIENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AWARDED A GRANT
7 UNDER THIS SECTION.

8 (5) "RESIDENT TEACHER CERTIFICATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM" MEANS
9 A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AND A COUNTY BOARD
10 THAT:

11 (I) LEADS TO A PARTICIPANT RECEIVING A RESIDENT TEACHER
12 CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

13 (II) INCLUDES TRAINING ON TEACHING TECHNIQUES AND
14 THEORIES, AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT; AND

15 (III) INCLUDES PART TIME OR FULL TIME TEACHING
16 ASSIGNMENTS WITH DIRECT SUPERVISION AND MENTORING BY A QUALIFIED
17 TEACHER.

18 (6) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS THE OBLIGATION OF A RECIPIENT TO
19 TEACH FULL TIME IN THE STATE AS A TEACHER IN A MARYLAND PUBLIC
20 ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL.

21 (B) THE OFFICE MAY AWARD ALTERNATIVE TEACHING OPPORTUNITY GRANTS
22 AS TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO:

23 (1) PURSUE A RESIDENT TEACHER CERTIFICATE BY ENROLLING IN A
24 RESIDENT TEACHER CERTIFICATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM; OR

25 (2) TAKE COURSE WORK AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION FOR THE
26 PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A TEACHING CERTIFICATE WHILE BEING EMPLOYED BY A
27 COUNTY BOARD IN A PARAPROFESSIONAL POSITION;

28 (C) EACH RECIPIENT OF A GRANT SHALL:

29 (1) BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION;

30 (2) SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO:

31 (I) BECOME A CERTIFIED TEACHER; AND

32 (II) FULFILL A SERVICE OBLIGATION AS REQUIRED BY THE OFFICE
33 ON COMPLETION OF REQUIRED STUDIES;

34 (3) USE THE GRANT AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION;

1 ~~(4) BE SELECTED BY THE OFFICE FROM QUALIFIED APPLICANTS BASED~~
2 ~~ON:~~
3 ~~(I) COMPETITIVE STANDARDS; AND~~
4 ~~(II) FINANCIAL NEED; AND~~
5 ~~(5) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE OFFICE MAY ESTABLISH.~~

6 ~~(D) A RECIPIENT MAY RENEW A GRANT IF THE RECIPIENT:~~
7 ~~(1) REMAINS ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM OF STUDIES THAT WOULD LEAD~~
8 ~~TO A TEACHING CERTIFICATE; AND~~
9 ~~(2) SATISFIES ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE OFFICE MAY ESTABLISH.~~

10 ~~(E) A GRANT MAY BE USED FOR:~~

- 11 ~~(1) TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES;~~
- 12 ~~(2) ROOM AND BOARD; AND~~
- 13 ~~(3) BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.~~

14 ~~(F) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2008, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE~~
15 ~~\$500,000 IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION FOR GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THIS~~
16 ~~SECTION.~~

17 18-1502.

18 (a) There is a program of loan assistance repayment known as the Janet L.
19 Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program in the State.

20 (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, the Office of
21 Student Financial Assistance shall assist in the repayment of the amount of any
22 higher education loan owed by an individual who:

- 23 (1) (I) Receives a graduate, professional, or undergraduate degree
24 from:
 - 25 [(i)] 1. A college or university in the State of Maryland;
 - 26 [(ii)] 2. A school of medicine; or
 - 27 [(iii)] 3. A school of law;

28 (II) RECEIVES A RESIDENT TEACHER CERTIFICATE (RTC) FROM THE
29 DEPARTMENT AFTER COMPLETING A RESIDENT TEACHER CERTIFICATE
30 PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AS DEFINED IN § 18-708(A) OF THIS TITLE; OR

1 ~~(III) HAS TAKEN COURSE WORK TOWARDS OBTAINING A TEACHING~~
2 ~~CERTIFICATE WHILE BEING EMPLOYED BY A COUNTY BOARD IN A~~
3 ~~PARAPROFESSIONAL POSITION; AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM~~
4 ~~APPROVED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT;~~

5 (2) Obtains eligible employment;

6 (3) Receives an income that is less than the maximum eligible total
7 income levels established by the Office, including any additional sources of income;
8 and

9 (4) Satisfies any other criteria established by the Office.

10 (c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the
11 Office shall assist in the repayment of the amount of any higher education loan owed
12 by a physician who engages in primary care in the State or by a medical resident
13 specializing in primary care who agrees to practice for at least 2 years as a primary
14 care physician in a geographic area of the State that has been designated by the
15 Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene as being medically underserved with the
16 funds transferred to the Office by the Comptroller under § 14-207(c)(2)(i) of the
17 Health Occupations Article.

18 (2) A physician who engages in primary care is not precluded from
19 receiving assistance from the Office under subsection (b) of this section.

20 (3) Any unspent portions of the money that is transferred to the Office
21 for use under this section from the Board of Physicians Fund may not be transferred
22 to or revert to the General Fund of the State, but shall remain in the Fund
23 maintained by the Office to administer these programs to assist physicians engaged
24 in primary care as specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

25 (d) An applicant for assistance in the repayment of a commercial loan shall
26 demonstrate to the Office that the commercial loan was used for tuition, educational
27 expenses, or living expenses for graduate or undergraduate study.

28 (e) Assistance in the repayment of a loan from an entity set forth in §
29 18-1501(c)(2) of this subtitle shall require the approval of the Office.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 July 1, 2006.

