

HOUSE BILL 1123

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grants – Ida G. Ruben Scholarship**

3 FOR the purpose of designating a certain Workforce Shortage Student Assistance
4 grant relating to the workforce shortage field of developmental disabilities,
5 mental health, child welfare, and juvenile justice providers as the Ida G. Ruben
6 Scholarship; and generally relating to a scholarship awarded under the
7 Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grant program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 18–708(b), (c), and (e)(5)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2006 Replacement Volume)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 18–708(e)(7)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 18-708.

2 (b) There is a program of Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grants
3 under this section for students who pledge to work in fields of critical shortage in the
4 State on completion of their studies.

5 (c) The purpose of the program is to:

6 (1) Provide financial assistance to students enrolled at institutions of
7 higher education in the State; and

8 (2) Address the workforce shortage needs of the State.

9 (e) (5) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph,
10 the following workforce shortage fields shall be included in the grant program:

11 1. School teachers (the grant to be known as the Sharon
12 Christa McAuliffe Memorial Teacher Scholarship);

13 2. Nurses;

14 3. Child care providers;

15 4. Developmental disabilities, mental health, child
16 welfare, and juvenile justice providers;

17 5. Physical and occupational therapists and assistants;
18 and

19 6. Public servants (the grant to be known as the William
20 Donald Schaefer Scholarship).

21 (ii) The Commission may remove a shortage field specified in
22 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph if in the Commission's judgment the field no longer
23 qualifies as a workforce shortage field.

24 **(7) EACH YEAR, ONE GRANT AWARDED FOR DEVELOPMENTAL**
25 **DISABILITIES, MENTAL HEALTH, CHILD WELFARE, AND JUVENILE JUSTICE**
26 **PROVIDERS UNDER PARAGRAPH (5)(I)4 OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE KNOWN**
27 **AS THE IDA G. RUBEN SCHOLARSHIP.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2007.