

HOUSE BILL 397

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2009

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Loan Repayment Assistance and Scholarship – Priority for**
3 **Participation and Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of removing the requirement that a student attend a postsecondary
5 institution in the State to be eligible for the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance
6 Repayment Program; altering certain criteria for determining priority for
7 participation in the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program;
8 removing the requirement that a student attend a postsecondary institution in
9 the State to be eligible for the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer
10 Internship Scholarship Program; removing the requirement that a student
11 attend a postsecondary institution in the State to use the William Donald
12 Schaefer Scholarship; and generally relating to the Janet L. Hoffman Loan
13 Assistance Repayment Program, the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service
14 Summer Internship Scholarship Program, and the William Donald Schaefer
15 Scholarship.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Education
18 Section 18–1502(b)(1)(i), 18–1503(a)(3), 18–1701(b), and 18–2703(d)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2008 Replacement Volume)

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

23 **Article – Education**

24 18–1502.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 (1) (i) Receives a graduate, professional, or undergraduate degree
5 from:

6 1. A college or university [in the State of Maryland];

7 2. A school of medicine; or

8 3. A school of law; or

9 18–1503.

10 (a) The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall adopt regulations to
11 establish:

12 (3) That priority for participation in the Program shall be given to an
13 individual who:

14 (i) Graduated from an institution of higher education in the
15 last [3] 5 years;

16 (ii) Is a resident of the State; **AND**

17 (iii) [Is employed on a full-time basis; and

18 (iv)] Provides, as the principal part of the individual's
19 employment, legal services to low-income residents in the State who cannot afford
20 legal services, nursing services in nursing shortage areas in the State as defined in §
21 18–802 of this title, or other services in an eligible field of employment in which there
22 is a shortage of qualified practitioners to low-income or underserved residents or
23 areas of the State;

24 18–1701.

25 (b) “Eligible student” means a junior, senior, or graduate student who
26 attends an institution of higher education [in the State].

27 18–2703.

28 (d) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, the recipient of a scholarship
29 award under this subtitle may use the scholarship to attend any institution of higher
30 education [in the State] that offers courses of study, training, or other educational
31 activities that are designed to prepare individuals for a career in public service as

1 determined under criteria established by the Commission in consultation with the
2 Advisory Council.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2009.