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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships – ~~Veterans~~ Individuals on Active Duty –**
3 **Eligibility and Use of Funds**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain senatorial and delegate scholarships to be used at
5 certain out-of-state institutions of higher education if a certain scholarship
6 applicant is a certain ~~veteran~~ individual on active duty who is domiciled in the State;
7 authorizing a certain ~~veteran~~ individual on active duty to be domiciled in the State
8 in order to retain a certain senatorial scholarship; making certain stylistic changes;
9 and generally relating to qualifications for senatorial and delegate scholarships.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 18-402(a), 18-406(a), and 18-501(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Education
17 Section 18-402(b), 18-405(d), 18-406(b), and 18-501(b)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY adding to
2 Article – Education
3 Section 18–406(f)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Education**

9 18–402.

10 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each applicant
11 for a senatorial scholarship shall:

12 (i) Take a competitive examination administered by the Office; and

13 (ii) Be accepted for admission in the regular undergraduate,
14 graduate, or professional program at an eligible institution; or be enrolled in a 2–year
15 terminal certificate program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for
16 an accredited baccalaureate program in an eligible institution.

17 (2) An applicant is exempt from the examination if the applicant:

18 (i) Is attending an eligible institution and has completed at least 1
19 year in good academic standing at the institution;

20 (ii) Graduated from high school at least 5 years before application
21 for a senatorial scholarship;

22 (iii) Is accepted for admission to a private career institution, if the
23 institution’s curriculum is approved by the Commission, and the institution is accredited
24 by a national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of
25 Education; or

26 (iv) Is planning to attend or is attending a Maryland community
27 college.

28 (b) **(1) [Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
29 **SUBSECTION, EACH** applicant shall:

30 **[(1)] (I)** Be a resident of this State; and

31 **[(2)] (II)** At the time of the applicant’s initial application, be a resident of
32 the legislative district from which the applicant seeks an award.

1 **(2) IF THE APPLICANT IS ~~A VETERAN~~ AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ON**
2 **ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, THE APPLICANT MAY:**

3 **(I) BE DOMICILED IN THIS STATE; AND**

4 **(II) AT THE TIME OF THE APPLICANT'S INITIAL APPLICATION,**
5 **BE DOMICILED IN THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT FROM WHICH THE APPLICANT SEEKS**
6 **AN AWARD.**

7 18-405.

8 (d) Each Senator may award not more than 10 percent of the funds available
9 under this subtitle to applicants planning to attend accredited undergraduate, graduate,
10 or professional institutions outside the State, provided the applicant:

11 (1) Will be studying in an academic area that is not available in the State;
12 **[or]**

13 (2) Is a hearing impaired person who will be studying at an institution
14 outside the State that makes special provisions for hearing impaired students, and
15 comparable special provisions are not available to **[that student] THE APPLICANT** at an
16 institution in the State; **OR**

17 **(3) IS ~~A VETERAN~~ AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE**
18 **UNITED STATES MILITARY WHO IS DOMICILED IN THIS STATE.**

19 18-406.

20 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each recipient of a senatorial
21 scholarship may hold the scholarship for 4 undergraduate academic years, subject to
22 § 18-406.1 of this subtitle, and 4 graduate academic years if the recipient:

23 (1) Is a full-time student;

24 (2) Continues to be a resident of this State; and

25 (3) Continues to be a student at the institution and takes at least 12
26 semester hours of courses as an undergraduate or 9 semester hours of courses as a graduate
27 student each semester leading to a degree.

28 (b) A recipient of an undergraduate or graduate senatorial scholarship may hold
29 the scholarship, appropriately prorated, for 8 academic years if **[he] THE RECIPIENT:**

30 (1) Is a part-time student;

1 (2) Continues to be a resident of this State; and

2 (3) Continues to be a student at the institution and takes at least 6
3 semester hours of courses each semester leading to a degree.

4 **(F) A RECIPIENT OF A SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS ~~A VETERAN~~ AN**
5 **INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND**
6 **OTHERWISE MEETS THE CONDITIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OR (B) OF THIS SECTION**
7 **MAY BE DOMICILED IN THIS STATE RATHER THAN A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE.**

8 18-501.

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

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

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

14 (2) An accredited undergraduate, graduate, or professional institution
15 outside the State, if **THE APPLICANT**:

16 (i) **[The applicant will] WILL** be studying in an academic area that
17 is not available in this State; **[or]**

18 (ii) **[1. The applicant is] IS** disabled[;

19 **2. The applicant] AND** will be studying at an institution
20 outside the State that makes special provisions for disabled students[; and

21 **3. Comparable special provisions] THAT** are not available to
22 **[that student] THE APPLICANT** at an institution in the State; **OR**

23 **(iii) ~~IS A VETERAN~~ AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH**
24 **THE UNITED STATES MILITARY WHO IS DOMICILED IN THIS STATE; and**

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

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
30 1, 2017.