

# HOUSE BILL 186

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg, Clippinger, R. Lewis, and Lierman**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award – Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility criteria for a teacher to receive a grant under  
4 the Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award; and generally relating to the Nancy Grasmick  
5 Teacher Award.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Education  
8 Section 18–1502  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Education**

14 18–1502.

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

17 (b) The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall assist in the repayment of  
18 the amount of any higher education loan owed by an individual who:

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

20 1. A college or university in the State of Maryland; or

21 2. A school of law; or

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) Receives a Resident Teacher Certificate (RTC) from the  
2 Department after completing an alternative teaching preparation program approved by the  
3 State Superintendent;

4 (2) Obtains eligible employment;

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

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

8 (c) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the Office shall assist  
9 in the repayment of the amount of any higher education loan owed by a public school  
10 teacher in the State who:

11 (1) Has taught in Maryland for at least 2 years:

12 (i) In science, technology, engineering, or math subjects; [or]

13 (ii) In a school in which at least 75% of the students are enrolled in  
14 the free and reduced price lunch program in the State; [and] OR

15 (III) IN A SCHOOL THAT:

16 1. HAD TITLE I STATUS DURING THE 2018–2019  
17 SCHOOL YEAR;

18 2. LOST TITLE I STATUS AFTER THE 2018–2019 SCHOOL  
19 YEAR; AND

20 3. PARTICIPATES IN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
21 OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION; AND

22 (2) Has received the highest performance evaluation rating for the most  
23 recent year available in the county in which the teacher taught.

24 (d) (1) A grant awarded under subsection (c) of this section shall be known as  
25 the Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award.

26 (2) A recipient of a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award shall be known as a  
27 Nancy Grasmick Teacher Scholar.

28 (e) An applicant for assistance in the repayment of a commercial loan shall  
29 demonstrate to the Office that the commercial loan was used for tuition, educational  
30 expenses, or living expenses for graduate or undergraduate study.

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

3 (g) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the Office shall assist  
4 in the repayment of the amount of any higher education loan owed by a licensed clinical  
5 alcohol and drug counselor, a licensed clinical marriage and family therapy counselor, or a  
6 licensed clinical professional counselor whose practice is located in a high-need geographic  
7 area of the State as determined by the Maryland Department of Health.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
9 1, 2020.