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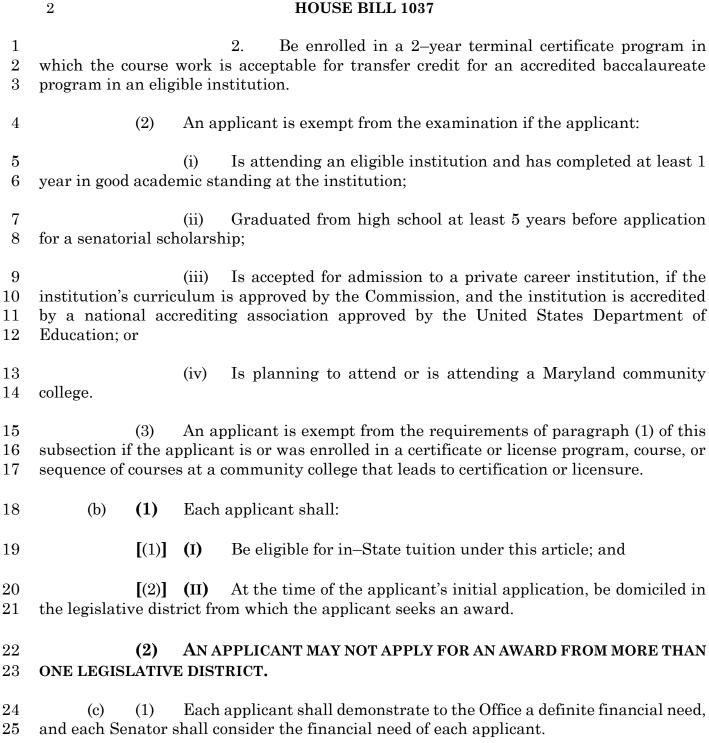
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning 2 Higher Education - Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships - Qualifications and 3 Limitations 4 FOR the purpose of requiring applicants for a Delegate Scholarship, at the time of initial 5 application, to be domiciled in the legislative district from which the applicant is 6 seeking an award; prohibiting applicants for senatorial and Delegate Scholarships 7 from applying for awards from more than one legislative district; prohibiting 8 Senators and Delegates from awarding scholarships to relatives except under certain 9 circumstances; and generally relating to senatorial and Delegate Scholarships. 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 11 Article – Education Section 18-402, 18-407, and 18-502 12 Annotated Code of Maryland 13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement) 14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 15 16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: **Article - Education** 17 18-402.18 19 Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, each (1) 20 applicant for a senatorial scholarship shall: 21(i) Take a competitive examination administered by the Office; and 22 Be accepted for admission in the regular undergraduate, (ii) 1. 23 graduate, or professional program at an eligible institution; or





- 26 Each Senator is the final judge of the financial need of each applicant (2)
- 27 to whom the Senator awards a scholarship, and the Office may not negate the Senator's judgment or impose requirements of time or procedure.
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- 29 Each applicant shall accept any other conditions attached to the award. (d)
- 30 18-407.

- 1 (a) Each Senator shall award all of the Senator's senatorial scholarships on or 2 before September 1 of each year.
- 3 (b) If any Senator fails to award all of the Senator's scholarships on or before 4 September 1 of each year, the Commission shall make the remaining awards to applicants 5 from the Senator's legislative district who:
- 6 (1) Scored highest on the competitive examination; or
- 7 (2) Are attending an eligible institution and have completed at least 1 year 8 in good academic standing.
- 9 (C) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "RELATIVE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 10 § 2–107 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.
- 11 (2) A SENATOR MAY NOT AWARD A SCHOLARSHIP TO A RELATIVE 12 UNLESS:
- 13 (I) THE SENATOR RECEIVES PERMISSION FROM THE 14 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE TO MAKE THE AWARD; AND
- 15 (II) THE SENATOR DISCLOSES THE AWARD TO THE JOINT 16 COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS.
- 17 **[**(c)**] (D)** The Office shall:
- 18 (1) Notify each Senator of the applicants to whom it awards the Senator's scholarships; and
- 20 (2) Announce publicly the names of all recipients.
- [(d)] (E) To the extent a scholarship awarded under § 18–404 of this subtitle is not used by a student, money appropriated to the Commission for that award not used by the end of the fiscal year shall be retained by the Commission for use by the awarding Senator in the Senatorial Scholarship Program during subsequent fiscal years.
- 25 18–502.
- 26 (a) (1) [Each] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, 27 EACH member of the House of Delegates may select the recipients of the scholarships on 28 any basis that the Delegate considers appropriate.
- [(b)] (2) [A] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, A member of the House of Delegates may select any individual who is eligible for in–State tuition under this article as a recipient of the scholarship.

- 1 (B) (1) AT THE TIME OF AN APPLICANT'S INITIAL APPLICATION, THE 2 APPLICANT SHALL BE DOMICILED IN THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT FROM WHICH THE
- 3 APPLICANT SEEKS AN AWARD.
- 4 (2) AN APPLICANT MAY NOT APPLY FOR AN AWARD FROM MORE THAN 5 ONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.
- 6 (C) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "RELATIVE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 7 § 2–107 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.
- 8 (2) A DELEGATE MAY NOT AWARD A SCHOLARSHIP TO A RELATIVE 9 UNLESS:
- 10 (I) THE DELEGATE RECEIVES PERMISSION FROM THE 11 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE TO MAKE THE AWARD; AND
- 12 (II) THE DELEGATE DISCLOSES THE AWARD TO THE JOINT 13 COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 15 1, 2022.