

HOUSE BILL 1061

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By: **Delegate Kaiser**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program – Private Company**
3 **Employees With a Master’s Degree in Social Work – Eligible Employment**

4 FOR the purpose of including as eligible employment for the Janet L. Hoffman Loan
5 Assistance Repayment Program employment with a private company in a public
6 facing role of individuals who have earned a master’s degree in social work; and
7 generally relating to the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 18–1502

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Education

16 18–1502.

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

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 (f) Assistance in the repayment of a loan from an entity set forth in §
5 18-1501(c)(2) of this subtitle shall require the approval of the Office.

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

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2023.