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A BILL ENTITLED

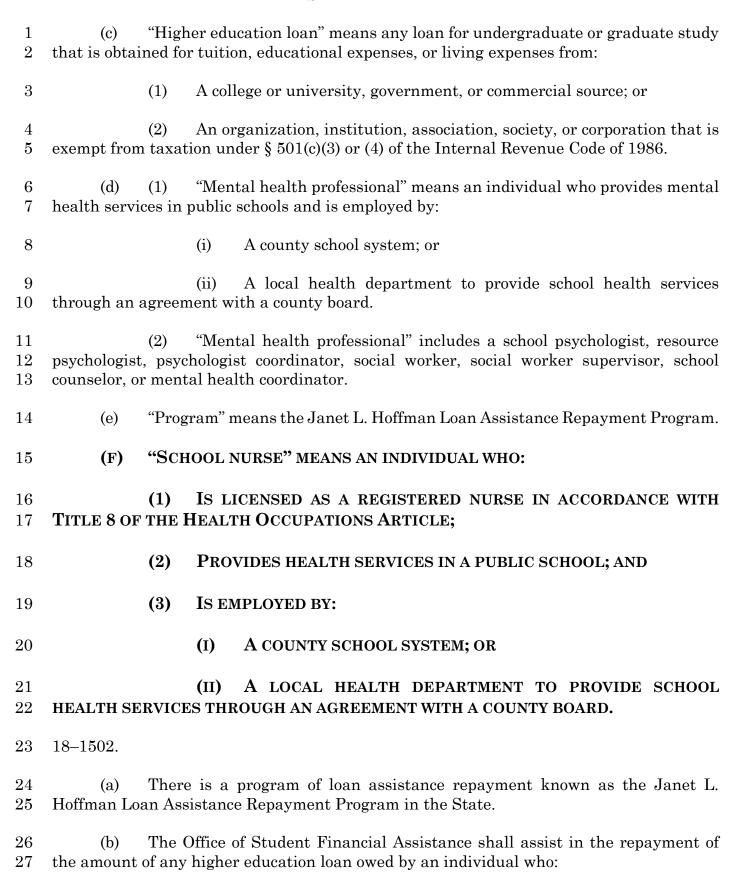
1	AN ACT concerning		
2 3	Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program – Nancy Grasmick Public School Professional Award – School Nurses		
4 5 6	within the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include school		
7 8 9 10 11	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education Section 18–1501 through 18–1503 and 18–1506 Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)		
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14	Article - Education		
15	18–1501.		
16	(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.		
17 18 19	(b) (1) "Eligible field of employment" means employment in the State by an organization, institution, association, society, or corporation that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.		
20 21	(2) "Eligible field of employment" includes employment by the State or any local government in the State, but does not include being employed as a judicial clerk in		



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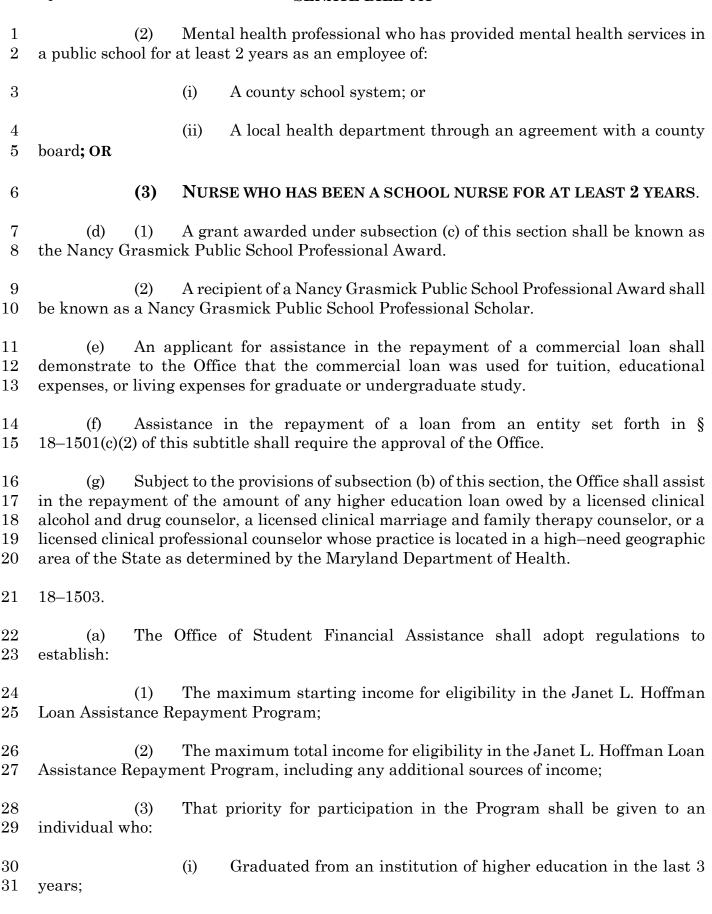
(i)



Receives a graduate, professional, or undergraduate degree from:

1	1.	A college or university in the State of Maryland;
2	2.	A school of law; or
3 4		For a mental health professional, any accredited college or
5 6 7	Department after completing	eives a Resident Teacher Certificate (RTC) from the an alternative teaching preparation program approved by the
8	(2) Obtains e	ligible employment;
9 10		an income that is less than the maximum eligible total income ce, including any additional sources of income; and
11	(4) Satisfies a	any other criteria established by the Office.
12 13	. ,	ovisions of subsection (b) of this section, the Office shall assist ant of any higher education loan owed by a:
14	(1) Public sch	ool teacher in the State who:
15	(i) Has	s taught in Maryland for at least 2 years:
16 17		In science, technology, engineering, fine arts, or math
18 19		In a school in which at least the following percentages of he free and reduced price lunch program in the State:
20	A.	75% through June 30, 2025; and
21	В.	55% beginning July 1, 2025; or
22	3.	In a school that:
23	A.	Had Title I status during the 2018–2019 school year;
24	В.	Lost Title I status after the 2018–2019 school year; and
25 26		Participates in the United States Department of bility Provision; and
27		s received a performance evaluation rating for the most recent n which the teacher taught: [or]

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Is a resident of the State:

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(iii) Is employed on a full–time basis; and		
(iv) 1. Provides, as the principal part of the individual' employment, legal services to low—income residents in the State who cannot afford legal services, nursing services in nursing shortage areas in the State as defined in § 18–802 of this title, or other services in an eligible field of employment in which there is a shortage of qualified practitioners to low—income or underserved residents or areas of the State; or		
2. For teacher [and], mental health professional, ANI SCHOOL NURSE applicants only, qualifies for a Nancy Grasmick Public School Professiona Award;		
(4) A limit on the total amount of assistance provided by the Office of Student Financial Assistance in repaying the loan of an eligible individual, based on the individual's total income and outstanding higher education loan balance;		
(5) A procedure and schedule for the monthly or annual payment of the amount of loan assistance provided by the Office of Student Financial Assistance to the eligible individual, as appropriate to assist an eligible individual in meeting loan forgiveness program requirements;		
(6) A requirement that an eligible individual apply to federal loan forgiveness programs for which the individual may qualify;		
(7) A requirement that an eligible individual notify the Office of Studer Financial Assistance if the individual receives other loan repayment assistance; and		
(8) An annual review of the eligibility of each individual participating is the Program.		
(b) The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall adopt any other regulation necessary to implement this subtitle.		
18–1506.		
The Office shall publicize the availability of the Program, including by publicizing the Program:		
(1) At historically Black colleges and universities;		
(2) In a manner that focuses on students who are historically underrepresented in the teaching field; [and]		

To eligible mental health professionals in an effort to recruit and retain

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mental health professionals to public schools in the State; AND

- 1 (4) TO ELIGIBLE SCHOOL NURSES IN AN EFFORT TO RECRUIT AND 2 RETAIN NURSES WORKING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.
- 3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 4 $\,$ 1, 2024.