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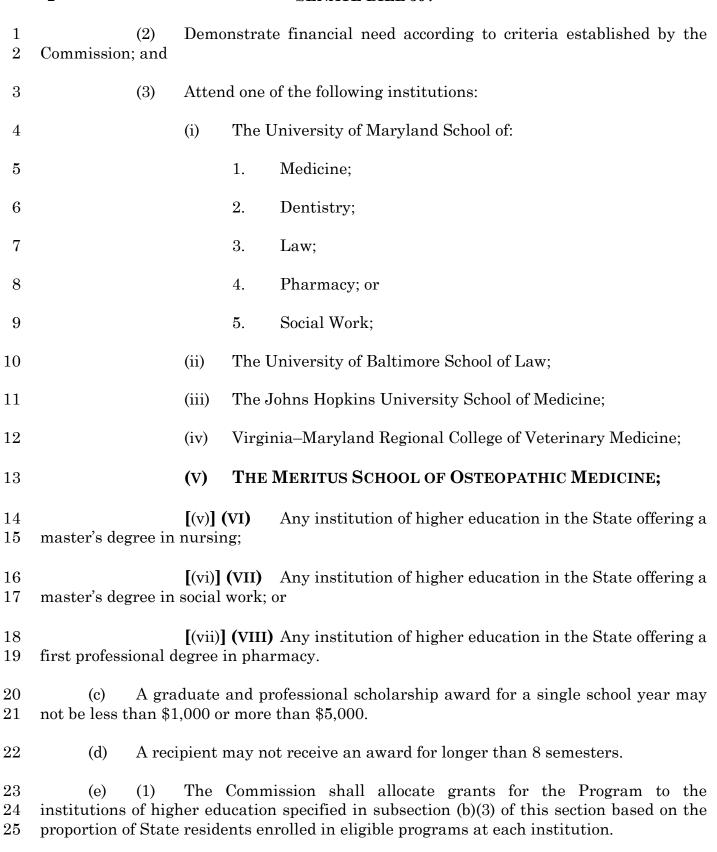
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1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Higher Education – Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program – Eligible Institutions
$4\\5\\6\\7$	FOR the purpose of expanding eligibility under the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program to include certain students attending a certain institution in the State; and generally relating to the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program.
8 9 10 11 12	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education Section 18–2601 Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
13 14	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
15	Article – Education
16	18–2601.
17 18 19 20	(a) In cooperation with the institutions of higher education in the State, the Commission shall establish and administer a Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program to provide financial assistance to full—time and part—time students in the fields of medicine, dentistry, law, pharmacy, nursing, social work, and veterinary medicine.
21	(b) A recipient of a graduate and professional scholarship shall:

Be a resident of the State;

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26 (2) An institution of higher education that receives a grant under this section shall provide the Commission with an annual audit describing the disposition of the funds.

- 1 (f) The Commission shall:
- 2 (1) Establish guidelines for the awarding of graduate and professional scholarships by the institutions of higher education to the students; and
- 4 (2) Adopt regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.
- 5 (g) Funds for the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program shall 6 be as provided in the State budget.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 8  $\,$  1, 2025.