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By: Senators Gile, Carozza, Rosapepe, Salling, Simonaire, and Waldstreicher Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2025
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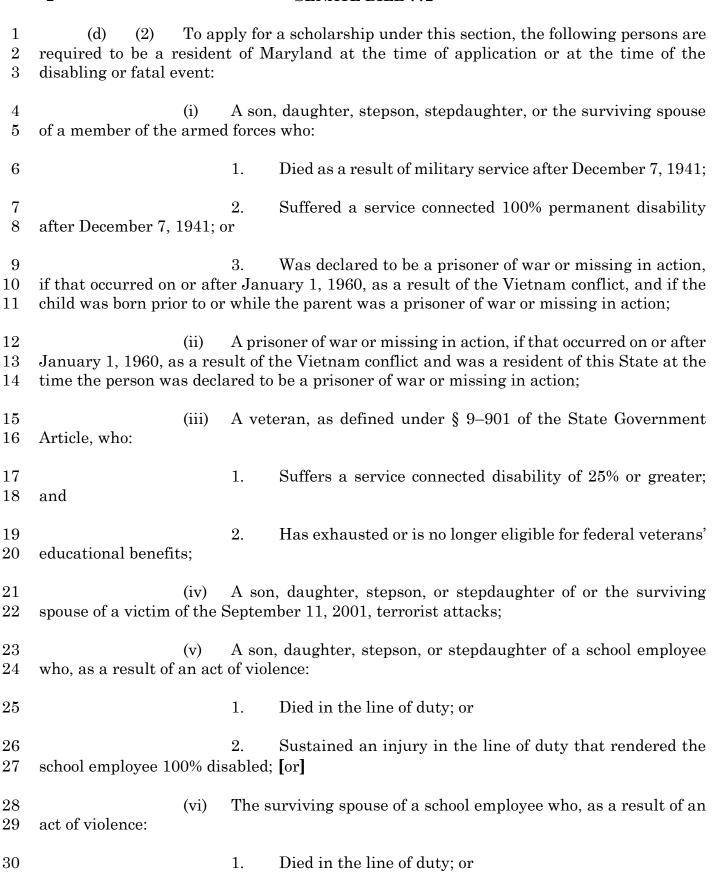
## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Higher Education – Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program – Eligibility
4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to include certain individuals; authorizing certain methods for verifying eligibility for the Program; and generally relating to the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.
8 9 10 11 12	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Education Section 18–601(c)(1) Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
13 14 15 16 17	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education Section 18–601(d)(2) and (f)(1) Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
18 19	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
20	Article - Education
21	18–601.
22 23	(c) (1) The program for military and public safety personnel and their eligible dependents is the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.



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school employee 100% disabled; OR

- (VII) A SON, DAUGHTER, OR STEPCHILD OR THE SURVIVING
  SPOUSE OF A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO, AS A
  RESULT OF THE VETERAN'S DISABILITY RATING, IS OR WAS ELIGIBLE, AT THE TIME
  OF THE APPLICATION, FOR THE CHAPTER 35 SURVIVORS' DEPENDENTS'
  EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BENEFIT, AS DETERMINED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT
  OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.
- 7 (f) (1) **(I)** Each postsecondary institution shall determine the eligibility of persons who apply to the institution for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program.
- 10 (II) TO DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF PERSONS WHO APPLY
  11 TO A POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION FOR THE EDWARD T. AND MARY A. CONROY
  12 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AN APPLICANT MAY SUBMIT A COPY OF THE
  13 APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CHAPTER 35 SURVIVORS' AND
  14 DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BENEFIT.
- (III) IF AN APPLICANT IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF
  ELIGIBILITY UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A SCHOOL
  CERTIFYING OFFICIAL OR AN INSTITUTIONAL LIAISON MAY VERIFY THAT THE
  APPLICANT IS OR WAS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHAPTER 35 SURVIVORS' AND
  DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BENEFIT.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.