

# SENATE BILL 273

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By: Senator Gile

Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2026  
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship  
3 Program – Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy  
5 Memorial Scholarship Program to include certain individuals; authorizing certain  
6 methods for verifying eligibility for the Program; and generally relating to the  
7 Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Education  
10 Section 18–601(c)(1)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Education  
15 Section 18–601(d)(2) and (f)(1)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 18–601.

22 (c) (1) The program for uniformed services and public safety personnel and  
23 their eligible dependents is the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship  
24 Program.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



6 1. Died as a result of service after December 7, 1941;

12 (ii) A prisoner of war or missing in action, if that occurred on or after  
13 January 1, 1960, as a result of the Vietnam conflict and was a resident of this State at the  
14 time the person was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action;

15 (iii) A veteran who:

(iv) A son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter of or the surviving spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks;

22 (v) A son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter of a school employee  
23 who, as a result of an act of violence:

24 1. Died in the line of duty; or

27 (vi) The surviving spouse of a school employee who, as a result of an  
28 act of violence:

5 (f) (1) **(I)** Each postsecondary institution shall determine the eligibility of  
6 persons who apply to the institution for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial  
7 Scholarship Program and the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
19 1, 2026.