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**Testimony of Senator Craig J. Zucker**  
**Senate Bill 967 - Higher Education - Part-Time Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships**  
**- Alterations**  
**Education, Energy and the Environment Committee**  
**February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**1:00PM**  
**Position: Favorable**

Good afternoon, Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and distinguished members of the committee. It is my pleasure to testify today in support of **Senate Bill 967 - Higher Education - Part-Time Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships - Alterations**.

Currently, to qualify for a part-time scholarship from the Maryland Senatorial and Delegate Scholarship program, students must enroll in at least six credit hours per semester. Senate Bill 967 would allow Maryland students with documented disabilities to seek a waiver from the Maryland Higher Education Commission regarding this semester hour requirement.

This proposed change aims to provide equal opportunities for students with documented disabilities to access educational scholarships. Senate Bill 967 seeks to remove a barrier that might prevent students from receiving financial assistance for their education and ensures that all students have the chance to pursue their academic goals and contribute to their communities.

Senate Bill 967 ultimately promotes inclusivity and supports the educational advancement of all students in Maryland. For these reasons, **I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 967**. Thank you for your kind consideration.