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By: **Senators Middleton and Hollinger**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Student Financial Assistance - Maryland Teacher**  
3 **Scholarship**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility and renewability requirements for the  
5 Maryland Teacher Scholarship to certain part-time students who are pursuing  
6 an undergraduate degree in teaching; and generally relating to the Maryland  
7 Teacher Scholarship program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 18-2203, 18-2205, and 18-2206  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 18-2203.

17 (a) The Administration shall annually select eligible students and offer a  
18 scholarship to each student selected to be used at an eligible institution of their  
19 choice.

20 (b) A recipient of the Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall:

21 (1) Be a Maryland resident;

22 (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, be accepted for  
23 admission or currently enrolled at an eligible institution as a [full-time  
24 undergraduate student or a] full-time or part-time UNDERGRADUATE OR graduate  
25 student pursuing a course of study or program in an academic discipline leading to a  
26 Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

1                   (3)     (i)     For a student currently enrolled in high school, have earned a  
2 cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent in core  
3 curriculum courses at the time of application; or

4                   (ii)     For a student currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate  
5 student, have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and have  
6 been making satisfactory progress toward a degree in an academic discipline leading  
7 to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

8                   (4)     Sign a letter of intent to perform the service obligation upon  
9 completion of the recipient's required studies;

10                  (5)     Accept any other conditions attached to the award; and

11                  (6)     Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may establish.

12     (c)     A recipient of the Maryland Teacher Scholarship may not hold a Maryland  
13 professional teacher's certificate.

14     (d)     (1)     Applicants who are secondary school students shall provide a high  
15 school transcript after completion of the first semester of their senior year.

16                  (2)     Applicants who are currently enrolled in an eligible institution shall  
17 provide the most recent college transcript, or if not applicable, the applicant may  
18 submit a final high school transcript.

19                  (3)     Applicants who are not currently enrolled in an eligible institution,  
20 but who are high school graduates shall provide a final high school transcript.

21                  (4)     Applicants who are high school graduates and are not currently  
22 enrolled in an eligible institution, but have completed some courses at an eligible  
23 institution, shall provide the most recent college transcript.

24                  (5)     Applicants who are not currently enrolled in an eligible institution,  
25 but who are college graduates shall provide a final college transcript.

26 18-2205.

27     The annual scholarship award shall be in the amount of:

28                  (1)     \$2,000 for an undergraduate student enrolled at a 2-year eligible  
29 institution;

30                  (2)     \$5,000 for a full-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in  
31 a 4-year eligible institution; or

32                  (3)     \$2,500 for a part-time UNDERGRADUATE OR graduate student  
33 enrolled at a 4-year eligible institution.

1 18-2206.

2 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, each recipient of a  
3 Maryland teacher scholarship may renew the award three times if the recipient:

4 (1) Continues to be a resident of the State;

5 (2) Continues to be a full-time [student] or part-time  
6 UNDERGRADUATE OR graduate student at an eligible institution as determined by  
7 the Administration;

8 (3) Has achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0  
9 scale and maintains this minimum cumulative grade point average throughout the  
10 remainder of this award, or failing to do so, provides evidence of extenuating  
11 circumstances;

12 (4) In the judgment of the institution, is making satisfactory progress  
13 toward a degree; and

14 (5) Maintains the standards of the institution.

15 (b) (1) Each recipient of a Maryland teacher scholarship who is enrolled in  
16 an associate degree program as permitted in this subtitle may renew the award two  
17 times if the recipient is enrolled in an associate degree program that, as determined  
18 by the institution, requires 3 years to complete.

19 (2) Each recipient of the Maryland teacher scholarship may renew the  
20 annual award four times if the recipient is enrolled in a course of study that, as  
21 determined by the institution, requires 5 years to complete.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 July 1, 2002.