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By: **Delegates Hubbard and Bronrott**  
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Maryland Teacher Scholarships – Terms and Conditions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the amounts awarded under the Maryland Teacher  
4 Scholarships Program to certain students who pursue certain courses of study  
5 at certain institutions of higher education; altering the service obligation for a  
6 Maryland Teacher Scholarship recipient; altering the uses of a Maryland  
7 Teacher Scholarship; altering a certain definition; requiring the State  
8 Department of Education to submit a certain report to the Governor and the  
9 General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally  
10 relating to Maryland Teacher Scholarships.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 18–2201, 18–2204, 18–2205, and 18–2207  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2006 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
17 Article – Education  
18 Section 18–2202 and 18–2203  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2006 Replacement Volume)

21 BY adding to  
22 Article – Education  
23 Section 18–2211

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

5 **Article – Education**

6 18–2201.

7 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

8 (b) “Eligible institution” means [a]:

9 (1) A public or private institution of higher education in this State  
10 that possesses a certificate of approval from the Maryland Higher Education  
11 Commission; OR

12 (2) AN OUT-OF-STATE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF  
13 HIGHER EDUCATION THAT:

14 (I) IS ACCREDITED BY AN ACCREDITING COMMISSION IN  
15 ONE OF THE REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS;

16 (II) PARTICIPATES IN THE INTERSTATE CERTIFICATION  
17 COMPACT PROGRAM OR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ACCREDITATION OF  
18 TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM; OR

19 (III) OFFERS CURRICULUM THAT IS ACCEPTED BY THE  
20 STATE IN WHICH THE INSTITUTION IS LOCATED FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION  
21 PURPOSES.

22 (c) “Office” means Office of Student Financial Assistance as defined in  
23 § 18–101(c) of this title.

24 (d) (1) “Service obligation” means to teach full time in the State as a  
25 teacher in a Maryland public elementary or secondary school.

26 (2) “Service obligation” does not mean employment as teaching  
27 assistants, volunteer service, paid fellowships, or internships.

1 18-2202.

2           There is a program of Maryland Teacher Scholarships that are awarded under  
3 this subtitle for students who pledge to work as public elementary and secondary  
4 school teachers in this State upon completion of their studies.

5 18-2203.

6           (a)    The Office shall annually select eligible students and offer a scholarship  
7 to each student selected to be used at an eligible institution of their choice.

8           (b)    (1)   Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a recipient of the  
9 Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall:

10                           (i)    Be a Maryland resident;

11                           (ii)   Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, be  
12 accepted for admission or currently enrolled at an eligible institution as a full-time or  
13 part-time undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a course of study or program  
14 in an academic discipline leading to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

15                           (iii)  1.    For a student currently enrolled in high school, have  
16 earned an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent  
17 after completion of the first semester of the senior year; or

18                                           2.    For a student currently enrolled as a full-time  
19 undergraduate student, have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0  
20 scale and have been making satisfactory progress toward a degree in an academic  
21 discipline leading to a Maryland professional teacher's certificate;

22                           (iv)   Sign a letter of intent to perform the service obligation upon  
23 completion of the recipient's required studies;

24                           (v)    Accept any other conditions attached to the award; and

25                           (vi)   Satisfy any additional criteria the Commission may  
26 establish.

27           (2)    Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, an individual  
28 who, at the time the individual is scheduled to matriculate at an eligible institution,  
29 will have been employed as a teaching assistant at a public elementary or secondary  
30 school in the State for at least 2 years:

1 (i) May apply for a Maryland Teacher Scholarship under this  
2 subtitle; and

3 (ii) Is eligible to hold a Maryland Teacher Scholarship as a full-  
4 time or part-time undergraduate or graduate student.

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 18-2204.

20 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the recipient of a  
21 Maryland Teacher Scholarship shall repay the Commission the funds received as set  
22 forth in § 18-112 of this title if the recipient does not:

23 (1) Satisfy the degree requirements of the eligible course of study or  
24 program or fulfill other requirements as provided in this subtitle;

25 (2) Perform the service obligation for [1 year] **2 YEARS** for each year  
26 that the recipient has a scholarship awarded under this subtitle; and

27 (3) Become professionally certified to teach in the State of Maryland  
28 within the time period specified by the Commission in consultation with the Maryland  
29 Department of Education.

1 (b) The Office shall forgive a recipient of a Maryland Teacher Scholarship for  
2 2 years of an award if:

3 (1) The recipient has taken the teacher certification examination,  
4 approved by the State Board of Education, in 2 consecutive years; and

5 (2) The recipient fails to pass the teacher certification examination  
6 within the time period specified by the Commission in accordance with subsection  
7 (a)(3) of this section.

8 18-2205.

9 The annual scholarship award shall be [in the amount of:

10 (1) \$2,000 for a full-time undergraduate student, or \$1,000 for a  
11 part-time undergraduate student, enrolled at a 2-year eligible institution;

12 (2) \$5,000 for a full-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled  
13 in a 4-year eligible institution; or

14 (3) \$2,500 for a part-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled  
15 at a 4-year eligible institution] **EQUAL TO THE COST OF TUITION, BOOKS,  
16 MANDATORY FEES, AND ROOM AND BOARD.**

17 18-2207.

18 A Maryland Teacher Scholarship may be used for tuition [and], **BOOKS,**  
19 **mandatory fees, AND ROOM AND BOARD** at any eligible institution.

20 **18-2211.**

21 **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT BY JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR A REPORT TO**  
22 **THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE**  
23 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EVALUATING THE IMPACT**  
24 **OF THE MARYLAND TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM ON MARYLAND'S**  
25 **TEACHER RECRUITMENT PROGRAM.**

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 10 years and, at the end of June  
28 30, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
29 abrogated and of no further force and effect.