

CHAPTER 232

(House Bill 318)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program – Eligibility

FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to include a certain student who is a son, daughter, or surviving spouse of a State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty to specify that the student may be a resident of any state; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to eligibility for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–601(a)(1) and (4), (b), and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2006 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–601(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–601(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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(As enacted by Chapter 418 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004)

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

Article – Education

18-601.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (4) “State or local public safety employee” means a person who is:
- (i) A career or volunteer member of a:
 - 1. Fire department;
 - 2. Ambulance company or squad; or
 - 3. Rescue company or squad;
 - (ii) A law enforcement officer;
 - (iii) A correctional officer; or
 - (iv) A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a resident of this State at the time of death.
- (b) There is a program of scholarships that are awarded under this section.
- (c) The Program is the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.
- (d) A person may apply to the Office for a scholarship under this section if the person:
- (1) Except as provided in **ITEM (3)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND** subsection (e) of this section, is a resident of Maryland;
 - (2) (i) Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution; or
 - (ii) Is enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate program in an eligible institution; and
 - (3) (i) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a member of the armed forces who:

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

2. Suffered a service connected 100% permanent disability after December 7, 1941; or

3. Was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action, if that occurred on or after January 1, 1960 as a result of the Vietnam conflict, and if the child was born prior to or while the parent was a prisoner of war or missing in action;

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

(iii) 1. **A.** Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty; or

[2.] **B.** Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty; **AND**

2. IS A RESIDENT OF ANY STATE;

(iv) 1. Is a disabled public safety employee;

2. Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a disabled public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that renders the public safety employee 100% disabled; or

3. Is the surviving spouse of a disabled public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that renders the public safety employee 100% disabled;

(v) Is a veteran, as defined under § 9-901 of the State Government Article, who:

1. Suffers a service connected disability of 25% or greater; and

2. Has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans' educational benefits; or

(vi) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of or the surviving spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

18–601.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (4) “State or local public safety employee” means a person who is:
- (i) A career or volunteer member of a:
 - 1. Fire department;
 - 2. Ambulance company or squad; or
 - 3. Rescue company or squad;
 - (ii) A law enforcement officer;
 - (iii) A correctional officer; or
 - (iv) A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a resident of this State at the time of death.
- (b) There is a program of scholarships that are awarded under this section.
- (c) The Program is the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.
- (d) A person may apply to the Office for a scholarship under this section if the person:
- (1) **[Is] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (3)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IS** a resident of Maryland;
 - (2) (i) Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution; or

(ii) Is enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate program in an eligible institution; and

(3) (i) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a member of the armed forces who:

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

2. Suffered a service connected 100% permanent disability after December 7, 1941; or

3. Was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action, if that occurred on or after January 1, 1960 as a result of the Vietnam conflict, and if the child was born prior to or while the parent was a prisoner of war or missing in action;

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

(iii) 1. **A.** Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty; or

[2.] **B.** Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty; **AND**

2. IS A RESIDENT OF ANY STATE;

(iv) 1. Is a disabled public safety employee;

2. Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a disabled public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that renders the public safety employee 100% disabled; or

3. Is the surviving spouse of a disabled public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that renders the public safety employee 100% disabled;

(v) Is a veteran, as defined under § 9-901 of the State Government Article, who:

1. Suffers a service connected disability of 25% or greater; and
 2. Has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans' educational benefits; or
- (vi) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of or the surviving spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 2 of Chapter 418 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004. If that termination provision takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.