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HB 673/16 – W&M

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate S. Howard**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships – Veterans – Eligibility and Use of Funds**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain senatorial and delegate scholarships to be used at
4 certain out-of-state institutions of higher education if a certain scholarship
5 applicant is a certain veteran who is domiciled in the State; authorizing a certain
6 veteran to be domiciled in the State in order to retain a certain senatorial
7 scholarship; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to
8 qualifications for senatorial and delegate scholarships.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 18–402(a), 18–406(a), and 18–501(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Education
16 Section 18–402(b), 18–405(d), 18–406(b), and 18–501(b)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Education
21 Section 18–406(f)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Education

18–402.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each applicant for a senatorial scholarship shall:

(i) Take a competitive examination administered by the Office; and

(ii) Be accepted for admission in the regular undergraduate, graduate, or professional program at an eligible institution; or be 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.

(2) An applicant is exempt from the examination if the applicant:

(i) Is attending an eligible institution and has completed at least 1 year in good academic standing at the institution;

(ii) Graduated from high school at least 5 years before application for a senatorial scholarship;

(iii) Is accepted for admission to a private career institution, if the institution's curriculum is approved by the Commission, and the institution is accredited by a national accrediting association approved by the United States Department of Education; or

(iv) Is planning to attend or is attending a Maryland community college.

(b) (1) **[Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH** applicant shall:

[(1)] (I) Be a resident of this State; and

[(2)] (II) At the time of the applicant's initial application, be a resident of the legislative district from which the applicant seeks an award.

(2) IF THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN, THE APPLICANT MAY:

(I) BE DOMICILED IN THIS STATE; AND

(II) AT THE TIME OF THE APPLICANT'S INITIAL APPLICATION, BE DOMICILED IN THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT FROM WHICH THE APPLICANT SEEKS AN AWARD.

1 18–405.

2 (d) Each Senator may award not more than 10 percent of the funds available
3 under this subtitle to applicants planning to attend accredited undergraduate, graduate,
4 or professional institutions outside the State, provided the applicant:

5 (1) Will be studying in an academic area that is not available in the State;
6 [or]

7 (2) Is a hearing impaired person who will be studying at an institution
8 outside the State that makes special provisions for hearing impaired students, and
9 comparable special provisions are not available to [that student] **THE APPLICANT** at an
10 institution in the State; **OR**

11 **(3) IS A VETERAN WHO IS DOMICILED IN THIS STATE.**

12 18–406.

13 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each recipient of a senatorial
14 scholarship may hold the scholarship for 4 undergraduate academic years, subject to
15 § 18–406.1 of this subtitle, and 4 graduate academic years if the recipient:

16 (1) Is a full–time student;

17 (2) Continues to be a resident of this State; and

18 (3) Continues to be a student at the institution and takes at least 12
19 semester hours of courses as an undergraduate or 9 semester hours of courses as a graduate
20 student each semester leading to a degree.

21 (b) A recipient of an undergraduate or graduate senatorial scholarship may hold
22 the scholarship, appropriately prorated, for 8 academic years if [he] **THE RECIPIENT**:

23 (1) Is a part–time student;

24 (2) Continues to be a resident of this State; and

25 (3) Continues to be a student at the institution and takes at least 6
26 semester hours of courses each semester leading to a degree.

27 **(F) A RECIPIENT OF A SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WHO IS A VETERAN AND**
28 **OTHERWISE MEETS THE CONDITIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OR (B) OF THIS SECTION**
29 **MAY BE DOMICILED IN THIS STATE RATHER THAN A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE.**

30 18–501.

(a) There is a program of Delegate Scholarships in this State that are awarded under this subtitle.

(b) A scholarship awarded under this subtitle may be used at:

(1) An eligible institution for a program of undergraduate, graduate, or professional studies;

(2) An accredited undergraduate, graduate, or professional institution outside the State, if **THE APPLICANT**:

(i) ~~[The applicant will]~~ **WILL** be studying in an academic area that is not available in this State; ~~[or]~~

(ii) ~~[1. The applicant is]~~ **IS** disabled[;

~~2. The applicant]~~ **AND** will be studying at an institution outside the State that makes special provisions for disabled students[; and

~~3. Comparable special provisions]~~ **THAT** are not available to ~~[that student]~~ **THE APPLICANT** at an institution in the State; **OR**

(III) IS A VETERAN WHO IS DOMICILED IN THIS STATE; and

(3) A private career school within the State that is approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission under § 11–202 of this article and that is accredited by a national accrediting association that is approved by the United States Department of Education.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.