

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 963  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Edward T. Conroy” and substitute “Jean B. Cryor”; in the same line, strike “Eligibility” and substitute “Creation”; strike beginning with “expanding” in line 3 down through “include” in line 4 and substitute “establishing the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program to provide scholarships for”; in line 5, strike “public school educator” and substitute “school employee”; in the same line, after “circumstances,” insert “authorizing certain persons to apply to certain postsecondary institutions for the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program; authorizing the use of the scholarship for certain educational expenses; prohibiting the scholarship awarded from exceeding a certain amount or being less than a certain amount; authorizing certain postsecondary institutions to determine eligibility for the scholarships; requiring certain postsecondary institutions to report to the Maryland Higher Education Commission by certain dates the number of eligible recipients for the scholarships; requiring the Commission to allocate funds to certain postsecondary institutions for eligible recipients; authorizing each recipient to hold the scholarship award for a certain number of years of study; directing the Commission to use certain gifts and grants for the fund in a certain manner; defining certain terms;”; in line 6, strike “eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy” and substitute “the Jean B. Cryor”; and strike in their entirety lines 8 through 12, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 18-6A-01 to be under new subtitle “Subtitle 6A. Scholarships for the Surviving Spouse and Children of School Personnel”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

(Over)

Strike beginning with line 16 on page 1 through line 29 on page 5, inclusive, and substitute:

**“SUBTITLE 6A. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE SURVIVING SPOUSE AND CHILDREN OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL.**

**18-6A-01.**

**(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

**(2) “SCHOOL EMPLOYEE” INCLUDES AN EMPLOYEE OF A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE.**

**(3) “SURVIVING SPOUSE” MEANS A PERSON WHO HAS NOT REMARRIED.**

**(B) THERE IS A PROGRAM OF SCHOLARSHIPS THAT ARE AWARDED BY ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS UNDER THIS SECTION.**

**(C) THE PROGRAM IS THE JEAN B. CRYOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

**(D) A PERSON MAY APPLY TO AN ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE PERSON:**

**(1) (i) IS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION; OR**

(II) WAS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND WHEN AN EVENT DESCRIBED IN ITEM (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION OCCURRED;

(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 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WHO, AS A RESULT OF AN ACT OF VIOLENCE:

1. DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY; OR

2. SUSTAINED AN INJURY IN THE LINE OF DUTY THAT RENDERED THE SCHOOL EMPLOYEE 100% DISABLED; OR

(II) IS THE SURVIVING SPOUSE, AND HAS NOT REMARRIED, OF A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WHO, AS A RESULT OF AN ACT OF VIOLENCE:

1. DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY; OR

2. SUSTAINED AN INJURY IN THE LINE OF DUTY THAT RENDERED THE SCHOOL EMPLOYEE 100% DISABLED.

(E) A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) MAY BE USED FOR THE TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT ANY ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; AND

(2) MAY NOT:

(i) EXCEED THE EQUIVALENT ANNUAL TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES OF A RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AT THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE; AND

(ii) BE LESS THAN THE LESSER OF:

1. \$3,000; OR

2. THE EQUIVALENT ANNUAL TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES OF A RESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTION ATTENDED BY THE RECIPIENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP.

(F) (1) EACH POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION SHALL DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF PERSONS WHO APPLY TO THE INSTITUTION FOR THE JEAN B. CRYOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

(2) FUNDS FOR THE JEAN B. CRYOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SHALL BE ALLOCATED BY THE COMMISSION TO EACH POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION BASED ON THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS ATTENDING EACH INSTITUTION.

(3) IN OCTOBER AND FEBRUARY OF EACH YEAR, EACH POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS ATTENDING THE INSTITUTION.

(4) THE COMMISSION SHALL ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR AWARDS TO POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS ON VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS ATTENDING THE INSTITUTIONS.

(5) IF FUNDS CANNOT BE ALLOCATED IN THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH AWARDS ARE MADE, PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN TO ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR THOSE AWARDS IN THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR.

(G) EACH RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION MAY HOLD THE AWARD FOR 5 YEARS OF FULL-TIME STUDY OR 8 YEARS OF PART-TIME STUDY.

(H) THE COMMISSION:

(1) MAY ACCEPT ANY GIFT OR GRANT FROM ANY PERSON FOR THE JEAN B. CRYOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM;

(2) SHALL USE ANY GIFT OR GRANT THAT IT RECEIVES FOR A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE PROGRAM; AND

(3) SHALL DEPOSIT ANY GIFT OR GRANT THAT IT RECEIVES FOR THE PROGRAM WITH THE STATE TREASURER IN A NONBUDGETED ACCOUNT.”.