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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship – Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy
4 Memorial Scholarship Program to include the son or daughter or the surviving
5 spouse of a certain public school educator under certain circumstances; and
6 generally relating to eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy
7 Memorial Scholarship Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 18–601
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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 18–601.

17 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

18 (2) “Disabled public safety employee” means a State or local public
19 safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:

20 (i) Precludes the individual from continuing to serve or be
21 employed as a State or local public safety employee; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) In the case of a volunteer member of a fire department or
2 ambulance or rescue company or squad, precludes the member from continuing to be
3 employed in the nonpublic safety occupation in which the member is engaged at the
4 time of the injury.

5 (3) “Surviving spouse” means a person who has not remarried.

6 (4) “State or local public safety employee” means a person who is:

7 (i) A career or volunteer member of a:

8 1. Fire department;

9 2. Ambulance company or squad; or

10 3. Rescue company or squad;

11 (ii) A law enforcement officer;

12 (iii) A correctional officer; or

13 (iv) A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a
14 resident of this State at the time of death.

15 (5) “Victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks” means a
16 Maryland resident who was killed as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center
17 in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the crash of United
18 Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

19 (b) There is a program of scholarships that are awarded by eligible
20 postsecondary institutions under this section.

21 (c) The Program is the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

22 (d) A person may apply to an eligible postsecondary institution for a
23 scholarship under this section if the person:

24 (1) (i) Is a resident of Maryland at the time of application; or

25 (ii) Was a resident of Maryland when an event described in
26 paragraph (3) of this subsection occurred;

27 (2) (i) Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular
28 undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 2. Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public
21 safety employee killed in the line of duty;

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (vi) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who
2 suffered a service connected 100% permanent disability; [or]

3 (vii) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of or the
4 surviving spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; OR

5 (VIII) 1. IS AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD AND A SON OR
6 DAUGHTER OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATOR WHO:

7 A. DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY; OR

8 B. SUSTAINED AN INJURY IN THE LINE OF DUTY
9 THAT RENDERED THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATOR 100% DISABLED; OR

10 2. IS THE SURVIVING SPOUSE, AND HAS NOT
11 REMARRIED, OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATOR WHO:

12 A. DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY; OR

13 B. SUSTAINED AN INJURY IN THE LINE OF DUTY
14 THAT RENDERED THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATOR 100% DISABLED.

15 (e) A scholarship awarded under this section:

16 (1) May be used for the tuition and mandatory fees at any eligible
17 institution; and

18 (2) May not:

19 (i) Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of
20 a resident undergraduate student at the 4-year public institution of higher education
21 within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland
22 University College and University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual
23 expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate; and

24 (ii) Be less than the lesser of:

25 1. \$3,000; or

26 2. The equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of
27 a resident of the institution attended by the recipient of the scholarship.

1 (f) (1) Each postsecondary institution shall determine the eligibility of
2 persons who apply to the institution for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship
3 Program.

4 (2) Funds for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program
5 shall be allocated by the Commission to each postsecondary institution based on the
6 number of eligible recipients attending each institution.

7 (3) In October and February of each year, each postsecondary
8 institution shall report to the Commission the number of eligible recipients attending
9 the institution.

10 (4) The Commission shall allocate funds for awards to postsecondary
11 institutions upon verification of eligible recipients attending the institutions.

12 (5) If funds cannot be allocated in the fiscal year in which awards are
13 made, priority shall be given to allocating funds for those awards in the following
14 fiscal year.

15 (g) (1) Each recipient of a scholarship under this section may hold the
16 award for 5 years of full-time study or 8 years of part-time study.

17 (2) The number of eligible recipients under subsection (d)(3)(v) of this
18 section shall be limited to 15 each year.

19 (3) An award provided under subsection (d)(3)(vi) of this section may
20 not exceed the amount specified in subsection (e)(2) of this section when combined
21 with any other scholarship received by a student based on the student's status as a
22 child or spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

23 (h) The Commission:

24 (1) May accept any gift or grant from any person for the Edward T.
25 Conroy Scholarship Fund;

26 (2) Shall use any gift or grant that it receives for a scholarship from
27 the Program; and

28 (3) Shall deposit any gift or grant that it receives for the Program with
29 the State Treasurer in a nonbudgeted account.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2013.