

HOUSE BILL 536

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg, Luedtke, Walker, and A. Washington**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award and Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service**
3 **Internship Scholarship – Qualifications**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to assist in
5 the repayment of certain higher education loans owed by certain recipients of a
6 Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award who receive certain degrees from certain
7 institutions of higher education in the State or outside the State; adding certain
8 individuals who attended certain institutions of higher education and also
9 graduated from certain high schools in the State to the list of individuals
10 eligible for a certain repayment program; altering the name of the Walter
11 Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program to be the
12 Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program; expanding
13 the scope of the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship
14 Program to include fall and spring public service internships; specifying the
15 dates that scholarship awards must be made for spring, summer, and fall
16 internships; altering a certain definition to authorize a certain student
17 attending an institution of higher education outside the State to qualify for a
18 Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship; altering certain
19 qualifications for eligibility for a Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship
20 Scholarship; requiring the Governor to include in the State budget for certain
21 fiscal years a certain appropriation for the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service
22 Internship Scholarship Program; defining a certain term; and generally relating
23 to the Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award and the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public
24 Service Internship Scholarship Program.

25 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

26 Article – Education

27 Section 18–1502; and 18–1701, 18–1702, and 18–1704 to be under the amended
28 subtitle “Subtitle 17. Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship
29 Scholarship Program”

30 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

18–1502.

(a) There is a program of loan assistance repayment known as the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program in the State.

(b) The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall assist in the repayment of the amount of any higher education loan owed by an individual who:

(1) (i) Receives a graduate, professional, or undergraduate degree from:

1. A college or university in the State of Maryland; [or]

2. A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY OUTSIDE THE STATE IF THE INDIVIDUAL GRADUATED FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE;

[2.] **3.** A school of law; or

4. FOR A RECIPIENT OF THE NANCY GRASMICK TEACHER AWARD, A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE OR OUTSIDE THE STATE THAT POSSESSES A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE APPROPRIATE HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORITY IN THAT STATE; OR

(ii) Receives a Resident Teacher Certificate (RTC) from the Department after completing an alternative teaching preparation program approved by the State Superintendent;

(2) Obtains eligible employment;

(3) Receives an income that is less than the maximum eligible total income levels established by the Office, including any additional sources of income; and

(4) Satisfies any other criteria established by the Office.

(c) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the Office shall assist in the repayment of the amount of any higher education loan owed by a public school teacher in the State who:

- 1 (1) Has taught in Maryland for at least 2 years:
- 2 (i) In science, technology, engineering, or math subjects; or
- 3 (ii) In a school in which at least 75% of the students are enrolled
4 in the free and reduced lunch program in the State; and
- 5 (2) Has received the highest performance evaluation rating for the
6 most recent year available in the county in which the teacher taught.
- 7 (d) (1) A grant awarded under subsection (c) of this section shall be
8 known as the Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award.
- 9 (2) A recipient of a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award shall be known as
10 a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Scholar.
- 11 (e) An applicant for assistance in the repayment of a commercial loan shall
12 demonstrate to the Office that the commercial loan was used for tuition, educational
13 expenses, or living expenses for graduate or undergraduate study.
- 14 (f) Assistance in the repayment of a loan from an entity set forth in §
15 18-1501(c)(2) of this subtitle shall require the approval of the Office.

16 Subtitle 17. Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service [Summer] Internship Scholarship
17 Program.

18 18-1701.

- 19 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 20 (b) “Eligible student” means [a junior]:
- 21 (1) **A JUNIOR**, senior, or graduate student who attends an institution
22 of higher education in the State; **OR**
- 23 (2) **A JUNIOR, SENIOR, OR GRADUATE STUDENT WHO ATTENDS AN**
24 **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE STATE, IF THE STUDENT**
25 **GRADUATED FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE.**
- 26 (c) **“INTERNSHIP” MEANS A PAID OR AN UNPAID INTERNSHIP IN THE**
27 **STATE WITH:**
- 28 (1) **AN ORGANIZATION, AN INSTITUTION, AN ASSOCIATION, A**
29 **SOCIETY, OR A CORPORATION THAT:**

1 **(I) IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OR (4)**
2 **OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986; AND**

3 **(II) AFFORDS THE STUDENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO**
4 **PARTICIPATE IN AND SUPPORT MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING BOARD**
5 **GOVERNANCE, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, HUMAN**
6 **RESOURCES, FUNDRAISING, OR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT; OR**

7 **(2) THE STATE OR ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE STATE.**

8 **[(c)] (D)** “Program” means the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service
9 **[Summer]** Internship Scholarship Program.

10 **[(d)] (E)** “Shriver Center” means the Shriver Center located at the
11 University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

12 **[(e)]** “Summer internship” means a paid or unpaid summer internship in the
13 State with:

14 (1) An organization, institution, association, society, or corporation
15 that:

16 (i) Is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) or (4) of the
17 Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

18 (ii) Affords the student the opportunity to participate in and
19 support management functions, including board governance, executive leadership,
20 financial management, human resources, fundraising, or facilities management; or

21 (2) The State or any local government in the State.]

22 18–1702.

23 (a) There is a scholarship program known as the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public
24 Service **[Summer]** Internship Scholarship Program in the State.

25 (b) The purpose of the Program is to assist college and graduate students to
26 explore public service career opportunities through **[summer]** internships.

27 (c) The Shriver Center shall administer the Program.

28 (d) **[On or before January 1 of each year, an] AN** institution of higher
29 education in the State **OR OUTSIDE THE STATE** may nominate eligible students to
30 participate in the Program **ON OR BEFORE:**

1 **(1) JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR FOR SUMMER AND FALL**
2 **INTERNSHIPS; AND**

3 **(2) OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR FOR SPRING INTERNSHIPS.**

4 (e) Priority for participation in the Program shall be given to an eligible
5 student who:

6 (1) Is a resident of the State;

7 (2) Has demonstrated an interest in a career in public service; and

8 (3) Assists in providing:

9 (i) Legal services:

10 1. To low-income residents in the State who cannot
11 afford legal services; or

12 2. In a public service position;

13 (ii) Social work services to low-income residents in the State;

14 (iii) Nursing services in nursing shortage areas in the State as
15 defined in § 18-802 of this title; or

16 (iv) Other services in the public or nonprofit sectors in which
17 there is a shortage of qualified practitioners to low-income or underserved residents or
18 areas of the State.

19 (f) (1) Subject to paragraph [(3)] **(2)** of this subsection, [on or before May
20 1 of each year, the Shriver Center shall award scholarships to] **FOR** eligible students
21 who have agreed to serve in a public service [summer] internship, **THE SHRIVER**
22 **CENTER SHALL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS ON OR BEFORE:**

23 **(I) JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR FOR SPRING INTERNSHIPS;**

24 **(II) MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIPS; AND**

25 **(III) AUGUST 1 OF EACH YEAR FOR FALL INTERNSHIPS.**

26 [(2) The Shriver Center shall award no more than:

27 (i) 75 scholarships for the summer of 2008; and

28 (ii) 100 scholarships for the summer of 2009.]

1 ~~[(3)]~~ **(2)** **(I)** Funds for the scholarships awarded under this
2 subtitle shall be as provided in the State budget.

3 **(II) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2016 AND 2017, THE**
4 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION OF**
5 **\$270,000 FOR THE PROGRAM.**

6 (g) Subject to the availability of funds, the scholarship award under the
7 Program shall be \$3,000.

8 (h) The Shriver Center shall serve as a clearinghouse for public and
9 nonprofit entities ~~[who]~~ **THAT** wish to hire public service ~~[summer]~~ interns
10 participating in the Program.

11 18-1704.

12 (a) Funds for the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service ~~[Summer]~~ Internship
13 Scholarship Program may be provided on an annual basis in the State budget.

14 (b) The Governor may provide funding in the State budget to the Shriver
15 Center to administer the Program.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 2014.