

HOUSE BILL 574

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By: **Delegates McKay, Kipke, and Otto**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship**
3 **Program and Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program – Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a private career school to award scholarships under the
5 Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and the Jean B.
6 Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program; and generally relating to the Edward T. and
7 Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and the Jean B. Cryor Memorial
8 Scholarship Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 18–601(a) and (c)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Education
16 Section 18–601(b), (d)(1), and (f)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 18–601.

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

24 (2) “Disabled public safety employee” means a State or local public safety

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:

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

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

8 (3) "Fund" means the Edward T. Conroy and Jean B. Cryor Scholarship
9 Fund.

10 (4) "School employee" includes an employee of a public or nonpublic school
11 in the State.

12 (5) "State or local public safety employee" means a person who is employed
13 in the State as:

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

15 1. Fire department;

16 2. Ambulance company or squad; or

17 3. Rescue company or squad;

18 (ii) A law enforcement officer;

19 (iii) A correctional officer; or

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

22 (6) "Surviving spouse" means a person who has not remarried.

23 (7) "Victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks" means a Maryland
24 resident who was killed as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York
25 City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in
26 Pennsylvania.

27 (b) There is a program of scholarships that are awarded by eligible postsecondary
28 institutions **AND PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS** under this section.

29 (c) (1) The program for military and public safety personnel and their eligible
30 dependents is the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

1 (2) The program for eligible dependents of public and nonpublic school
2 employees is the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program.

3 (d) (1) A person may apply to an eligible postsecondary institution **OR A**
4 **PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL** for a scholarship under this section if the person:

5 (i) 1. Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular
6 undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution; **[or]**

7 2. Is enrolled in a 2–year terminal certificate program in
8 which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate
9 program in an eligible institution; **OR**

10 **3. IS ENROLLED IN A PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL;**

11 (ii) Is at least 16 years old; and

12 (iii) Meets the other eligibility criteria specified in this section.

13 (f) (1) Each postsecondary institution **AND PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL** shall
14 determine the eligibility of persons who apply to the institution for the Edward T. Conroy
15 Memorial Scholarship Program and the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program.

16 (2) Funds for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and
17 the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program shall be allocated by the Commission to
18 each postsecondary institution **AND PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL** based on the number of
19 eligible recipients attending each institution.

20 (3) In October and February of each year, each postsecondary institution
21 **AND PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL** shall report to the Commission the number of eligible
22 recipients attending the institution.

23 (4) The Commission shall allocate funds for awards to postsecondary
24 institutions **AND PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS** upon verification of eligible recipients
25 attending the institutions.

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

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
29 1, 2022.