

HOUSE BILL 10

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By: **Delegate Crosby**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship**
3 **Program – Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a postsecondary institution to contact, on request of an
5 applicant for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program, the Department
6 of Veterans and Military Families to verify the disability status of the veteran; and
7 generally relating to the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 18–601(c)(1)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Education

15 Section 18–601(f)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 18–601.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 (II) TO DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF PERSONS WHO APPLY
5 TO A POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION FOR THE EDWARD T. CONROY MEMORIAL
6 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, THE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION MAY CONTACT, ON
7 REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY
8 FAMILIES TO VERIFY THE DISABILITY STATUS OF THE VETERAN.

9 (2) Funds for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and
10 the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program shall be allocated by the Commission to
11 each postsecondary institution based on the number of eligible recipients attending each
12 institution.

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

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

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

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
20 1, 2025.