

SENATE BILL 289

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. Conroy
5 Memorial Scholarship Program to include certain persons who live outside the
6 State under certain circumstances; repealing a certain obsolete provision;
7 repealing a certain termination provision; and generally relating to eligibility
8 for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 18–601
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Chapter 418 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004
16 Section 2

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 18–601.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

7 (3) "Surviving spouse" means a person who has not remarried.

8 (4) "State or local public safety employee" means a person who is:

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

10 1. Fire department;

11 2. Ambulance company or squad; or

12 3. Rescue company or squad;

13 (ii) A law enforcement officer;

14 (iii) A correctional officer; or

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

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

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

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

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

26 (1) **(I)** [Except as provided in item (3)(iii) of this subsection and
27 subsection (e) of this section, is] **IS** a resident of Maryland **AT THE TIME OF**
28 **APPLICATION; OR**

29 **(II) WAS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND WHEN AN EVENT**
30 **DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION OCCURRED;**

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

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

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

8 1. Died as a result of military service after December 7,
9 1941;

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

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

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

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

22 [B.] 2. Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public
23 safety employee killed in the line of duty; [and

24 2. Is a resident of any state;]

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

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

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

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

