

SENATE BILL 888

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By: **Senator Middleton**

Introduced and read first time: February 15, 2010

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Office of Student Financial Assistance – Public Service Scholarships –**
3 **Student Members of County Boards of Education**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing members of the General Assembly to authorize the
5 Office of Student Financial Assistance to award certain scholarship funds to
6 certain applicants; establishing the program of Public Service Scholarships for
7 Student Members of County Boards of Education; establishing the requirements
8 for receiving a Public Service Scholarship; establishing the amount, use, and
9 duration of certain awards; providing for the funding of Public Service
10 Scholarships; and generally relating to the establishment of scholarships for
11 student members of county boards of education.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Education
14 Section 18–407 and 18–507
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article – Education
19 Section 18–408(a)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

22 BY adding to
23 Article – Education
24 Section 18–5A–01 through 18–5A–06 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5A.
25 Public Service Scholarships for Student Members of County Boards of
26 Education”
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 18–407.

5 (a) **[Each] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, EACH**
6 Senator shall award all of his senatorial scholarships on or before September 1 of each
7 year.

8 (b) If any Senator fails to award all of his scholarships on or before
9 September 1 of each year, the Commission shall make the remaining awards to
10 applicants from the Senator’s legislative district who:

11 (1) Scored highest on the competitive examination; or

12 (2) Are attending an eligible institution and have completed at least 1
13 year in good academic standing.

14 (c) The Office shall:

15 (1) Notify each Senator of the applicants to whom it awards the
16 Senator’s scholarships; and

17 (2) Announce publicly the names of all recipients.

18 (d) To the extent a scholarship awarded under § 18–404 of this subtitle is not
19 used by a student, moneys appropriated to the Commission for that award not used by
20 the end of the fiscal year shall be retained by the Commission for use by the awarding
21 Senator in the Senatorial Scholarship Program during subsequent fiscal years.

22 **(E) A SENATOR MAY AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE TO AWARD ALL OR A**
23 **PORTION OF THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO APPLICANTS**
24 **FROM THE SENATOR’S LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT WHO:**

25 **(1) SCORED HIGHEST ON THE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION;**

26 **(2) ARE ATTENDING AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AND HAVE**
27 **COMPLETED AT LEAST 1 YEAR IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING; OR**

28 **(3) ARE ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS OF A PUBLIC SERVICE**
29 **SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION**
30 **ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 5A OF THIS TITLE.**

1 18-408.

2 (a) If there is no qualified applicant in a legislative district, a qualified
3 applicant who resides in another legislative district may be appointed to receive the
4 senatorial scholarship.

5 18-507.

6 (a) Beginning in fiscal year 1996, each Delegate may authorize the Office [of
7 Student Financial Assistance] to award all or a portion of the funds authorized under
8 this subtitle to eligible recipients of a Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Educational
9 Excellence Award **ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE OR TO**
10 **ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS OF A PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT**
11 **MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION ESTABLISHED UNDER**
12 **SUBTITLE 5A OF THIS TITLE** who reside in the Delegate's legislative district.

13 (b) In the event that the total number of eligible recipients [of a Delegate
14 Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Award who reside in the Delegate's
15 legislative district] **AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AN AWARD UNDER SUBSECTION (A)**
16 **OF THIS SECTION** is insufficient to utilize the total amount of funds available to the
17 Delegate for any fiscal year, the Office [of Student Financial Assistance] may, with the
18 consent of the Delegate, award the unused funds to other eligible recipients
19 throughout the State.

20 **SUBTITLE 5A. PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENT MEMBERS OF**
21 **COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION.**

22 **18-5A-01.**

23 **THERE IS A PROGRAM OF PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENT**
24 **MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION THAT ARE AWARDED UNDER**
25 **THIS SUBTITLE FOR STUDENT MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION.**

26 **18-5A-02.**

27 **THE RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE**
28 **SHALL:**

29 **(1) BE A GRADUATE OF AN ACCREDITED HIGH SCHOOL; AND**

30 **(2) HAVE COMPLETED A FULL TERM OF OFFICE AS A STUDENT**
31 **MEMBER OF A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

32 **18-5A-03.**

1 **THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.**

2 **18-5A-04.**

3 **A SCHOLARSHIP ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE USED FOR**
4 **TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.**

5 **18-5A-05.**

6 **EACH RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY**
7 **HOLD THE AWARD FOR UP TO 4 YEARS IF THE RECIPIENT:**

8 **(1) CONTINUES TO BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;**

9 **(2) CONTINUES TO BE A FULL-TIME STUDENT AT AN ELIGIBLE**
10 **INSTITUTION, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION;**

11 **(3) IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE INSTITUTION, IS MAKING**
12 **SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE; AND**

13 **(4) MAINTAINS THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION.**

14 **18-5A-06.**

15 **FUNDS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENT**
16 **MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION PROGRAM SHALL BE PROVIDED**
17 **BY THE COMMISSION FROM FUNDS THE OFFICE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO**
18 **DISTRIBUTE UNDER §§ 18-407(E) AND 18-507 OF THIS TITLE.**

19 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
20 **October 1, 2010.**