

## CHAPTER 652

(Senate Bill 24)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 284G(c) and 284H(d) and (f) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "State Scholarship Board," and adding new Sections 284H(e-1) and ~~248H-1~~ 284H-1 to said Article of said Code, title and subtitle, providing for the manner of distributing general State scholarships and scholarships in education to the various political subdivisions and increasing the amount of the award for scholarships in education.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 284G(c), 284H(d) and (f) of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Education," subtitle "State Scholarship Board," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that new Sections 284H(e-1) and 284H-1 be and they are hereby added to said Article of said Code, title and subtitle, to read as follows:

284G.

(c) From the examination papers which are graded with a passing mark, the State Scholarship Board shall certify each year a number of applicants for scholarships in accordance with the allowable annual quota for each county and each legislative district of Baltimore City. The allowable annual quota for each county and each legislative district of Baltimore City shall be determined each year by the State Scholarship Board and shall consist of that number of scholarships which is equal to the [combined membership from that county or legislative district in the two houses of the General Assembly at its session next preceding the making of awards, or concurrent therewith if the General Assembly be in session when such awards are made.] *the number of scholarships allowed that county or legislative district of Baltimore City by the provisions of Section 284H-1 of this Article,* increased or decreased by such number of scholarships as is required, by reason of the filling of vacancies, to insure that the over-all maximum number of scholarships for each county and legislative district shall not be exceeded. Over a period of four consecutive scholastic years and thereafter from year to year the total number of scholarships awarded and outstanding, including those awarded to fill vacancies, shall not exceed a combined over-all maximum number in each county and legislative district equal to the [sum of the combined membership from that county or legislative district in the two houses of the General Assembly during the most current successive year in which awards shall be made and the preceding three years] *number of scholarships allowed that county, or legislative district of Baltimore City by the provisions Section 284H-1 of this Article.* The scholarships thus awarded shall be to those qualified applicants who received the highest grades in their respective county or legislative district. If for any reason a recipient of a scholarship on the graded list for a county or legislative district shall refuse or for any reason be unable to accept and use the scholarship, the next qualified applicant on the graded list in such county or legislative district shall be selected. It is the legislative intent that