

verification based on certain information is made by the Commission; requiring the Commission to give priority to certain students; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to waive the repayment of certain grant awards; providing that a certain repayment shall be forgiven at a certain rate; requiring the Commission to review the demand for and capacity of certain nursing programs and the availability of financial aid and other incentives that encourage certain individuals to pursue certain education programs; requiring the Commission to make certain recommendations on or before a certain date; altering the definition of a certain term; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to nursing scholarships.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–701 and 18–706

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

18–701.

(a) There is a program of Economic Development Student Assistance Grants awarded under this subtitle for students who pledge to work in fields of geographic or critical shortage in this State upon completion of their studies.

(b) The purpose of the Program is to:

(1) Provide financial assistance to students enrolled at institutions of higher education in the State; and

(2) Address the economic development needs of the State.

(c) A recipient of an Economic Development Student Assistance Grant under this subtitle shall:

(1) Be a resident of the State;

(2) Be selected by the Office from qualified applicants based on standards established and approved by the Commission;

(3) Sign a letter of intent to enroll at an eligible institution in the State in an eligible program as specified for each field in which there is a geographic or critical shortage in this State as provided in this subtitle;

(4) Furnish a promissory note to the Commission or its designee with security satisfactory to the Commission;