

(2) In consultation with the State Department of Education, the State Scholarship Board shall adopt rules and regulations to waive, for good cause, the repayment of any portion of the additional scholarship awarded under this subsection that is not forgiven if the recipient fails to fulfill the obligations agreed to under subparagraph (ii) of this subsection.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Scholarship Board shall review the adequacy of the academic factors and varying grading systems used, other than those set forth in § 18-1102(a)(1)(i) and (ii) of the Education Article. The State Scholarship Board shall evaluate students for participation in the Distinguished Scholar Program, with attention to students enrolled in honors programs or programs for gifted and talented students, and shall report and make recommendations on this subject to the General Assembly not later than December 1, 1987.

SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act applies to all Distinguished Scholar awards made for fiscal year 1988 and thereafter.

SECTION 3 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved May 14, 1987.

CHAPTER 279

(Senate Bill 646)

AN ACT concerning

Independent Adoption - Withholding of Consent
by a Natural Parent

FOR the purpose of altering the application of certain provisions of law relating to an independent adoption in which a natural parent withholds consent to provide that those provisions apply only when the natural parent withholds consent in a certain manner; altering the period of time that an individual has exercised physical care, custody, or control of a child before a court may grant a decree of adoption without the consent of the child's natural parent under certain circumstances; altering the period of time that a child has been out of the custody of the natural