

18-1601.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT HAS A PROGRAM OF UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDIES THAT WOULD CERTIFY THE RECIPIENT TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND WHICH IS LEAD TO LICENSING AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST, PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT.

(1) AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

(2) APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(C) "HANDICAPPED CHILD" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN § 8-401 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(D) "OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST" HAS THE MEANING AND "OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT" HAVE THE MEANINGS SET FORTH IN § 9-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

(E) "PHYSICAL THERAPIST" HAS THE MEANING AND "PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT" HAVE THE MEANINGS SET FORTH IN § 13-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

(F) "RECIPIENT" MEANS A RECIPIENT OF TUITION ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(G) "TUITION ASSISTANCE" MEANS ANY FUNDS PROVIDED FOR THE COST OF BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL CHARGES, FEES, ROOM, BOARD, OR OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES.

(H) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS THE OBLIGATION OF RECIPIENTS TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TO STUDENTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL AND LEARNING DISABILITIES IN A PUBLICLY FUNDED PROGRAM IN THIS STATE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN MARYLAND OR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN PLACED IN A NONPUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AS PROVIDED UNDER § 8-409 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE FIRST YEAR OF WHICH IS PROVIDED UNDER THE FULL-TIME ON-SITE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST WHO HAS AT LAST 2 YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN A SCHOOL PROGRAM.

18-1602.

(A) THERE IS A PROGRAM OF TUITION ASSISTANCE TO TRAIN PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS.