

18-2207.

ON OR BEFORE MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SEND EACH SENATOR AND EACH DELEGATE A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS IN EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT TO WHOM MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED.

18-2208.

A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE USED FOR TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT ANY ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

18-2209.

FUNDS FOR THE MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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~~18-2209.~~ 18-2210.

(A) THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION SHALL DRAFT A PLAN TO ADMINISTER A MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

(B) THE COMMISSION'S PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) A 3-YEAR SCHEDULE, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2000, FOR THE PROGRESSIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS; AND

(2) A PRIORITY LIST OF THE APPLICABLE FIELDS OF STUDY WHICH FOCUSES ON SUCH FACTORS AS:

(I) ECONOMIC NEED OF THE STATE;

(II) EMPLOYMENT SHORTAGE AREAS OF THE STATE; AND

(III) TRAINING AND EDUCATION CAPACITY OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN MARYLAND.

(C) THE PRIORITY LIST SHALL BE CREATED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE ADVISORY BOARDS OF THE COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY.

~~18-2210.~~ 18-2211.

THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARYLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY OCTOBER 30, 1999.