

SENATE BILL 1077

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By: **Senator McCray**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy and Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship**
3 **Programs – Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. and Mary A.
5 Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship
6 Program by removing the residency requirement for certain categories of individuals;
7 altering a certain definition; and generally relating to the Edward T. and Mary A.
8 Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship
9 Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 18–601(a), (d), and (g)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Education
17 Section 18–601(c)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Education**

23 18–601.

24 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) “Disabled public safety employee” means a State or local public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:

(i) Precludes the individual from continuing to serve or be employed as a State or local public safety employee; and

(ii) In the case of a volunteer member of a fire department or ambulance or rescue company or squad, precludes the member from continuing to be employed in the nonpublic safety occupation in which the member is engaged at the time of the injury.

(3) “Fund” means the Edward T. Conroy and Jean B. Cryor Scholarship Fund.

(4) “School employee” includes an employee of a public or nonpublic school in the State.

(5) “State or local public safety employee” means a person who is **EMPLOYED IN THE STATE AS:**

(i) A career or volunteer member of a:

1. Fire department;

2. Ambulance company or squad; or

3. Rescue company or squad;

(ii) A law enforcement officer;

(iii) A correctional officer; or

(iv) A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a resident of this State at the time of death.

(6) “Surviving spouse” means a person who has not remarried.

(7) “Victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks” means a Maryland resident who was killed as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

(c) (1) The program for military and public safety personnel and their eligible dependents is the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

(2) The program for eligible dependents of public and nonpublic school employees is the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program.

(d) (1) A person may apply to an eligible postsecondary institution for a scholarship under this section if the person:

(1) (i) Is a resident of Maryland at the time of application; or

(ii) Was a resident of Maryland when an event described in paragraph (3) of this subsection occurred;

(2) (i) 1. Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution; or

(ii) 2. Is enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate program in an eligible institution;

(II) IS AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD; and

(III) MEETS THE OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

(2) TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE REQUIRED TO BE A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION OR AT THE TIME OF THE DISABLING OR FATAL EVENT:

(3) (i) [Is at least 16 years old and a] A son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter of a member of the armed forces who:

1. Died as a result of military service after December 7, 1941;

2. Suffered a service connected 100% permanent disability after December 7, 1941; or

3. Was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action, if that occurred on or after January 1, 1960, as a result of the Vietnam conflict, and if the child was born prior to or while the parent was a prisoner of war or missing in action;

(ii) [Was a] A prisoner of war or missing in action, if that occurred on or after January 1, 1960, as a result of the Vietnam conflict and was a resident of this State at the time the person was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action;

(iii) [1. Is at least 16 years old and a son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter of any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty; or

2. Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty;

(iv) 1. Is a disabled public safety employee;

2. Is at least 16 years old and a son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter of a disabled public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that renders the public safety employee 100% disabled; or

3. Is the surviving spouse of a disabled public safety employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that renders the public safety employee 100% disabled;

(v) Is a] A veteran, as defined under § 9–901 of the State Government Article, who:

1. Suffers a service connected disability of 25% or greater; and

2. Has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans' educational benefits;

[(vi)] (IV) [Is the] THE surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who suffered a service connected 100% permanent disability;

[(vii)] (V) [Is at least 16 years old and a] A son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter of or the surviving spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks;

[(viii)] (VI) [Is at least 16 years old and a] A son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter of a school employee who, as a result of an act of violence:

1. Died in the line of duty; or

2. Sustained an injury in the line of duty that rendered the school employee 100% disabled; or

[(ix)] (VII) [Is the] THE surviving spouse of a school employee who, as a result of an act of violence:

1. Died in the line of duty; or

2. Sustained an injury in the line of duty that rendered the school employee 100% disabled.

(3) TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION OR AT THE TIME OF THE DISABLING OR FATAL EVENT:

1 (I) 1. A SON, DAUGHTER, STEPSON, OR STEPDAUGHTER OF
2 ANY STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY; OR

3 2. THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF ANY STATE OR LOCAL
4 PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY; OR

5 (II) 1. A DISABLED PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE;

6 2. A SON, DAUGHTER, STEPSON, OR STEPDAUGHTER OF
7 A DISABLED PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE WHO SUSTAINS AN INJURY IN THE LINE OF
8 DUTY THAT RENDERS THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE 100% DISABLED; OR

9 3. THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A DISABLED PUBLIC
10 SAFETY EMPLOYEE WHO SUSTAINS AN INJURY IN THE LINE OF DUTY THAT RENDERS
11 THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE 100% DISABLED.

12 (g) (1) Each recipient of a scholarship under this section may hold the award
13 for 5 years of full-time study or 8 years of part-time study.

14 (2) The number of eligible recipients under subsection [(d)(3)(v)]
15 **(D)(2)(III)** of this section shall be limited to 15 each year.

16 (3) An award provided under subsection [(d)(3)(vii)] **(D)(2)(V)** of this
17 section may not exceed the amount specified in subsection (e)(2) of this section when
18 combined with any other scholarship received by a student based on the student's status
19 as a child or spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
21 1, 2020.