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By: Delegate Crosby

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program – Eligibility

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy
5 Memorial Scholarship Program to include certain individuals; authorizing certain
6 methods for verifying eligibility for the Program; and generally relating to the
7 Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

⁸ BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

10 Section 18–601(c)(1)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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Article – Education

15 Section 18–601(d)(2) and (f)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

20 Article – Education

21 18-601.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) (2) To apply for a scholarship under this section, the following persons are
2 required to be a resident of Maryland at the time of application or at the time of the
3 disabling or fatal event:

4 (i) A son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, or the surviving spouse
5 of a member of the uniformed services who:

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

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

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

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

15 (iii) A veteran who:

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

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

20 (iv) A son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter of or the surviving
21 spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks;

22 (v) A son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter of a school employee
23 who, as a result of an act of violence:

24 1. Died in the line of duty; or

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

27 (vi) The surviving spouse of a school employee who, as a result of an
28 act of violence:

29 1. Died in the line of duty; or

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

5 (f) (1) **(I)** Each postsecondary institution shall determine the eligibility of
6 persons who apply to the institution for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial
7 Scholarship Program and the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2026.