

HEALTH SERVICE for a period of not less than three [(3)] years. THE BOND SHALL BE IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT OF ANY SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED, WITH SUCH SECURITY AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD.

(e) The scholarships shall be held for [4] FOUR years, or as long as the holder thereof is satisfactorily progressing toward the M.D. degree. Each scholarship shall be in the amount of [fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500)] [[\$3,000]] \$1,500 per year [for such period,] for tuition, fees and other costs for the student, and shall be paid by the State Scholarship Board directly to the School of Medicine.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 61A be and it is hereby added to Article 77A - Higher Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 77A - Higher Education

61A.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

(1) PHYSICIANS ENGAGED IN FAMILY PRACTICE ARE IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY IN MARYLAND. THE CURRENT EMPHASIS PLACED ON SPECIALIZATION IN MEDICAL EDUCATION HAS RESULTED IN A SHORTAGE OF PHYSICIANS TRAINED TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE TO FAMILIES.

(2) THE NEED FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED FAMILY PHYSICIANS TO TREAT THE LARGEST CATEGORY OF OUR HEALTH PROBLEMS HAS BECOME SO CRITICAL THAT THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZED FAMILY PRACTICE AS A NEW SPECIALTY IN 1969. THIS SPECIALTY REQUIRES THREE YEARS OF RESIDENCY TRAINING PRIOR TO TAKING A BOARD CERTIFYING EXAMINATION.

(3) THE SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS PRACTICING IN MARYLAND CAN BE IMPROVED BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENTS TRAINING IN ACCREDITED FAMILY PRACTICE PROGRAMS IN MARYLAND.

(4) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE FOR A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS RECEIVING TRAINING IN THE SPECIALTY OF FAMILY PRACTICE AND TO MAXIMIZE THE DELIVERY OF PRIMARY CARE FAMILY PHYSICIAN SERVICES TO SPECIFIC AREAS OF MARYLAND.