

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

**Article - Education**

Subtitle 15. JANET L. HOFFMAN Loan Assistance Repayment Program.

18-1501.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) (1) "Eligible field of employment" means employment in the State by an organization, institution, association, society, or corporation that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(2) "Eligible field of employment" includes employment by the State or any local government in the State, but does not include being employed as a judicial clerk in any court.

(c) "Higher education loan" means any loan for undergraduate or graduate study that is obtained for tuition, educational expenses or living expenses from:

(1) A college or university, government, or commercial source; or

(2) An organization, institution, association, society, or corporation that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(D) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

18-1502.

(a) There is a program of loan assistance repayment KNOWN AS THE JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM in the State.

(b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, the State Scholarship Administration shall assist in the repayment of the amount of any higher education loan owed by an individual who:

(1) Receives a graduate, professional, or undergraduate degree from:

(i) A college or university in the State of Maryland; or

(ii) A school of medicine;

(2) Obtains eligible employment;

(3) Receives an income that is less than the maximum eligible total income levels established by the Administration, including any additional sources of income; and

(4) Satisfies any other criteria established by the Administration.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the Administration shall assist in the repayment of the amount of any higher education