

CHAPTER 490

(House Bill 269)

AN ACT concerning

Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program at the Shriver Center at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring the Shriver Center to administer the Program; establishing a process for eligible students to participate in the Program; establishing certain priorities for participation in the Program; requiring the Shriver Center to award certain scholarships of a certain amount *subject to the availability of certain funds*; limiting the number of scholarships that may be awarded in certain years; requiring the Shriver Center to adopt certain policies; providing for the funding of the Program; requiring certain reports; and generally relating to the creation of the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 18–1701 through 18–1705 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17.

Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article – Education

SUBTITLE 17. WALTER SONDHEIM JR. PUBLIC SERVICE SUMMER INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

18–1701.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “ELIGIBLE STUDENT” MEANS A JUNIOR, SENIOR, OR GRADUATE STUDENT WHO ATTENDS AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN ~~OR~~ ~~OUTSIDE~~ THE STATE.

(C) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE WALTER SONDHEIM JR. PUBLIC SERVICE SUMMER INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

(D) “SHRIVER CENTER” MEANS THE SHRIVER CENTER LOCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY.

(E) “SUMMER INTERNSHIP” MEANS A PAID OR UNPAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP IN THE STATE WITH:

(1) AN ORGANIZATION, INSTITUTION, ASSOCIATION, SOCIETY, OR CORPORATION THAT:

(I) IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OR (4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986; AND

(II) AFFORDS THE STUDENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AND SUPPORT MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING BOARD GOVERNANCE, EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, HUMAN RESOURCES, FUNDRAISING, OR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT; OR

(2) THE STATE OR ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE STATE.

18-1702.

(A) THERE IS A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE WALTER SONDHEIM JR. PUBLIC SERVICE SUMMER INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN THE STATE.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO ASSIST COLLEGE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS TO EXPLORE PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH SUMMER INTERNSHIPS.

(C) THE SHRIVER CENTER SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

(D) ~~(1)~~ ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE MAY NOMINATE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

~~(2) AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT ATTENDING AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OUTSIDE OF THE STATE MAY APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE SHRIVER CENTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.~~

(E) PRIORITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM SHALL BE GIVEN TO AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT WHO:

(1) IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

(2) HAS DEMONSTRATED AN INTEREST IN A CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE; AND

(3) ASSISTS IN PROVIDING:

(I) LEGAL SERVICES TO LOW INCOME RESIDENTS IN THE STATE WHO CANNOT AFFORD LEGAL SERVICES;

(II) SOCIAL WORK SERVICES TO LOW INCOME RESIDENTS IN THE STATE;

(III) NURSING SERVICES IN NURSING SHORTAGE AREAS IN THE STATE AS DEFINED IN § 18-802 OF THIS TITLE; OR

(IV) OTHER SERVICES IN THE PUBLIC OR NONPROFIT SECTORS IN WHICH THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED PRACTITIONERS TO LOW-INCOME OR UNDERSERVED RESIDENTS OR AREAS OF THE STATE.

(F) (1) ~~ON~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR BEFORE MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE SHRIVER CENTER SHALL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WHO HAVE AGREED TO SERVE IN A PUBLIC SERVICE SUMMER INTERNSHIP.

(2) THE SHRIVER CENTER SHALL AWARD NO MORE THAN:

(I) 75 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2008; AND

(II) 100 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2009.

(3) FUNDS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(G) ~~THE~~ **SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, THE** SCHOLARSHIP AWARD UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL BE \$3,000.

(H) THE SHRIVER CENTER SHALL SERVE AS A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT ENTITIES WHO WISH TO HIRE PUBLIC SERVICE SUMMER INTERNS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM.

18-1703.

(A) THE SHRIVER CENTER SHALL ADOPT POLICIES TO ESTABLISH:

(1) THE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY IN THE PROGRAM;

(2) A PROCEDURE AND SCHEDULE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROVIDED TO AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT; AND

(3) A PROCEDURE FOR THE REPAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IF A STUDENT DOES NOT FULFILL THE INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

(B) THE SHRIVER CENTER SHALL ADOPT ANY OTHER POLICIES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

18-1704.

(A) FUNDS FOR THE WALTER SONDHEIM JR. PUBLIC SERVICE SUMMER INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ~~SHALL~~ MAY BE PROVIDED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(B) THE GOVERNOR ~~SHALL~~ MAY PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE SHRIVER CENTER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

18-1705.

SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SHRIVER CENTER SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.