

HOUSE BILL 519

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Institutions of Higher Education – Tuition Rates – Veterans**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the time period within which an honorably discharged
4 veteran must present certain evidence in order to qualify for a certain tuition
5 rate at a public institution of higher education; and generally relating to tuition
6 rates for veterans.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 15–106.4
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Education**

15 15–106.4.

16 (a) This section applies to the following individuals:

17 (1) An active duty member of the United States armed forces;

18 (2) The spouse of an active duty member of the United States armed
19 forces;

20 (3) A financially dependent child of an active duty member of the
21 United States armed forces;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed
2 forces; or

3 (5) A member of the National Guard as defined in § 13–405(a)(3) of the
4 Public Safety Article.

5 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, an individual
6 described in subsection (a) of this section who attends a public institution of higher
7 education in the State is exempt from paying nonresident tuition at a public
8 institution of higher education in this State if:

9 (1) The active duty member referred to in subsection (a) of this
10 section:

11 (i) Is stationed in this State;

12 (ii) Resides in this State; or

13 (iii) Is domiciled in this State;

14 (2) The honorably discharged veteran presents the following
15 documentation within [1 year] **4 YEARS** after the veteran's discharge:

16 (i) Evidence that the veteran attended a public or private
17 secondary school in this State for at least 3 years; and

18 (ii) Documentation that the veteran graduated from a public or
19 private secondary school in this State or received the equivalent of a high school
20 diploma in this State; or

21 (3) The National Guard member described in subsection (a)(5) of this
22 section is a member of the Maryland National Guard and joined or subsequently
23 serves in the Maryland National Guard to:

24 (i) Provide a Critical Military Occupational Skill; or

25 (ii) Be a member of the Air Force Critical Specialty Code as
26 determined by the National Guard.

27 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, a spouse or
28 financially dependent child of an active duty member who enrolls as an entering
29 student in a public institution of higher education and is exempt from paying
30 nonresident tuition under subsection (b) of this section shall continue to be exempt
31 from paying nonresident tuition if:

1 (1) The active duty member no longer meets the requirements of
2 subsection (b)(1) of this section; and

3 (2) The spouse or financially dependent child remains continuously
4 enrolled at the public institution of higher education.

5 (d) The Commission shall adopt regulations in accordance with Title 10,
6 Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article to implement the provisions of this section.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 2012.