

# HOUSE BILL 689

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Community Colleges Veterans Advisors and Veterans Resource Centers~~

3 ~~Established~~

4 Colonel Todd J. Hixon Memorial Resource Center Act

5 FOR the purpose of requiring certain community colleges to ensure certain advisors are  
6 trained on certain needs and resources available to certain students, to employ a  
7 ~~veterans advisor~~ certain employee to provide enrollment and advising services to  
8 certain students, and to establish a veterans resource center; and generally relating  
9 to ~~veterans~~ advisors and veterans resource centers at community colleges.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Education

12 Section 16–109

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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Article – Education

2 16-109.

3 EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL:

4 (1) ENSURE ALL STUDENT ADVISORS ARE TRAINED ON THE UNIQUE  
5 NEEDS AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE VETERANS;

6 (2) EMPLOY AT LEAST ONE ~~FULL-TIME VETERANS ADVISOR TO~~  
7 ~~PROVIDE~~ EMPLOYEE WHO, AS A COMPONENT OF THE EMPLOYEE’S JOB DUTIES AND  
8 RESPONSIBILITIES, PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE AND INTENSIVE ENROLLMENT AND  
9 ADVISING SERVICES TO CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS WHO ARE  
10 VETERANS; AND

11 ~~(2)~~ (3) ESTABLISH A VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER ON CAMPUS  
12 TO:

13 (I) PROVIDE ACCESS TO FEDERAL AND STATE VETERANS  
14 RESOURCES;

15 (II) SERVE AS A QUIET PLACE FOR VETERANS TO STUDY;

16 (III) ENABLE VETERANS TO CONNECT TO OTHER VETERANS,  
17 HELPING THEM RENEW THE BONDS OF MILITARY SERVICE; AND

18 (IV) BE THE CENTRAL HUB FOR ALL ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS  
19 RELATED TO VETERANS.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
21 1, 2018.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.