
By: **Delegate Cadden (By Request)**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Disabled Veterans and Dependents - Tuition Reduction**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Disabled Veterans and Dependents Tuition
4 Reduction Program; providing for the eligibility requirements; requiring certain
5 eligible institutions to reduce the amount of certain individuals' tuition by a
6 certain amount; providing for the duration of certain tuition assistance; and
7 generally relating to higher education tuition reduction for disabled veterans
8 and dependents.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Education
11 Section 18-604
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 18-604.

18 (A) THERE IS A DISABLED VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS TUITION REDUCTION
19 PROGRAM.

20 (B) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY APPLY TO THE OFFICE FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE
21 UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

22 (1) IS A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND;

23 (2) (I) IS ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION OR IS ENROLLED IN THE
24 REGULAR UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, OR PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM AT AN
25 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; OR

1 (II) IS ENROLLED IN A 2-YEAR TERMINAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
2 IN WHICH THE COURSE WORK IS ACCEPTABLE FOR TRANSFER CREDIT FOR AN
3 ACCREDITED BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; AND

4 (3) (I) IS A VETERAN, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-901 OF THE STATE
5 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, WHO IS PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED; OR

6 (II) IS AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD AND THE SPOUSE, SON, OR
7 DAUGHTER OF A VETERAN WHO IS TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED.

8 (C) AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION THAT ACCEPTS OR ENROLLS AN INDIVIDUAL
9 THAT QUALIFIES FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE
10 INDIVIDUAL'S TUITION BY 10%.

11 (D) EACH INDIVIDUAL THAT QUALIFIES FOR THE PROGRAM UNDER THIS
12 SECTION MAY QUALIFY FOR THE TUITION REDUCTION FOR 5 YEARS OF FULL-TIME
13 STUDY OR 8 YEARS OF PART-TIME STUDY.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
15 effect July 1, 2005.