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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 365  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Volunteer Firefighters” and substitute “The Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services”; in line 3, after “of” insert “repealing a certain fire and emergency medical services tuition reimbursement program and”; in line 3, in lines 12 and 13, and in lines 16 and 17, in each instance, strike “Volunteer Firefighters” and substitute “Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services”; in line 5, strike “prohibiting” and substitute “authorizing”; in line 6, strike “from exceeding” and substitute “awarded to be up to”; in line 16, after “Fund;” insert “requiring a recipient of a certain scholarship to work for at least a certain number of years as a certain firefighter or certain rescue squad member in the State after completion of a certain program; requiring any funds remaining in the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services Tuition Reimbursement Program after a certain date to be used to fund the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services Scholarship for a certain academic year; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to provide certain public notice of the establishment of the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services Scholarship as a replacement for the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services Tuition Reimbursement Program;”; after line 17, insert:

“BY repealing

Article – Education

Section 18-603

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)”;

and in line 20, strike “18-605” and substitute “18-603”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 1, strike “**18-605.**” and substitute:

“18-603.

(a) There is a Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services Tuition Reimbursement Program under this section.

(b) As provided in the State budget, any career or volunteer firefighter or ambulance or rescue squad member who is a resident of Maryland shall receive partial or full and complete reimbursement by the Office for tuition costs not to exceed the resident tuition rates at the 4-year public institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland University College and University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate, for courses credited toward a degree in fire service technology or emergency medical technology.

(c) (1) The tuition reimbursement application shall be filed with the Office no later than July 1 immediately following the academic year for which tuition reimbursement is sought.

(2) Payment shall be made 1 year after successful completion of each academic year.

(3) Payment may be made only if the applicant is still employed or actively engaged as a career or volunteer firefighter or ambulance or rescue squad member in an organized fire department or ambulance or rescue squad in this State.]

18-603.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2 in line 2, and on page 3 in lines 7, 10, 14, 17, 20, and 23, in each instance, strike “VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS” and substitute “CHARLES W. RILEY FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES”.

On page 2, in line 12, after “A” insert “CAREER OR”; and in line 18, strike “MAY NOT EXCEED 33.3%” and substitute:

“(I) FOR A CAREER FIREFIGHTER, MAY BE UP TO 100% OF THE EQUIVALENT ANNUAL TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES OF A RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AT THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, WITH THE HIGHEST ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR A FULL-TIME RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE FOR COURSES CREDITED TOWARD A DEGREE IN FIRE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY; AND

“(II) FOR A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, MAY BE UP TO 100%”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, after line 28, insert:

“(I) A RECIPIENT OF A CHARLES W. RILEY FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP SHALL WORK FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR AS A VOLUNTEER OR CAREER FIREFIGHTER OR AMBULANCE OR RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER IN AN ORGANIZED FIRE DEPARTMENT OR AMBULANCE OR RESCUE SQUAD IN THE STATE AFTER COMPLETION OF AN ELIGIBLE PROGRAM IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, after line 28, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Any funds remaining in the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services Tuition Reimbursement Program after June 30, 2013, shall be used to fund the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services Scholarship, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, for the 2013-2014 academic year; and

(b) The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall provide the public with notice of the establishment of the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services Scholarship as a replacement for the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services Tuition Reimbursement Program, including posting information on the Office of Student Financial Assistance Web site and conducting outreach activities to fire departments and ambulance and rescue squads in the State.”;

and in line 29, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.