

## Chapter 24

(Senate Bill 153)

AN ACT concerning

### Higher Education – Academic Credit for Military Education, Training, and Experience

~~FOR the purpose of requiring public institutions of higher education to adopt policies for the purpose of awarding academic credit to a student for military education, training, and experience received while an active duty member of the uniformed services of the United States; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop guidelines for public institutions of higher education to award academic credit to certain students for military education, training, and experience; requiring public institutions of higher education to utilize certain guidelines to adopt policies for the awarding of certain academic credit; requiring public institutions of higher education to award academic credit to certain students for military education, training, and experience beginning with a certain academic year; requiring the Commission to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date regarding the development of certain guidelines; requiring each public institution of higher education to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date regarding the adoption of policies for the awarding of academic credit to certain students for military education, training, and experience; defining certain terms; the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop and adopt certain guidelines regarding the awarding of academic credit for military training, coursework, and education; requiring the governing bodies of each public institution of higher education to develop and implement certain policies in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the Commission; and generally relating to the award of academic credit for military education, training, and experience.~~

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 15–113

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

#### Article – Education

~~15–113.~~

~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:~~

~~(2) "ACADEMIC YEAR" MEANS THE PERIOD COMMENCING WITH THE FALL SEMESTER AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SUMMER SESSION AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.~~

~~(3) "ACTIVE DUTY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 7-1303 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

~~(4) "UNIFORMED SERVICES" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 7-1303 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

~~(5) "VETERAN" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 7-1303 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

~~(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:~~

~~(1) AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES; OR~~

~~(2) A VETERAN OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES.~~

~~(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO AWARD ACADEMIC CREDIT TO A STUDENT FOR MILITARY EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE RECEIVED WHILE AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~(D) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT POLICIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AWARDING ACADEMIC CREDIT TO A STUDENT FOR MILITARY EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE RECEIVED WHILE AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES.~~

~~(E) TO ADOPT THE POLICIES REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL UTILIZE:~~

~~(1) THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

~~(2) THE GUIDE TO THE EVALUATION OF EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN THE ARMED SERVICES, PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION.~~

~~(F) BEGINNING WITH THE 2014 ACADEMIC YEAR, EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL AWARD ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR MILITARY EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE RECEIVED WHILE A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES TO A STUDENT WHO IS:~~

~~(1) AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES; OR~~

~~(2) AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO BECOMES A STUDENT AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN 3 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF SEPARATION FROM MILITARY SERVICE.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1, 2013, the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the guidelines it has developed for public institutions of higher education in the State to award academic credit to a student for military education, training, and experience received while an active duty member of the uniformed services of the United States.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before July 1, 2013, each public institution of higher education in the State shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the policies it has adopted for the purpose of awarding academic credit to a student for military education, training, and experience received while an active duty member of the uniformed services of the United States.~~

15-113.

(A) THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE, SHALL DEVELOP AND ADOPT GUIDELINES ON AWARDING ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR A STUDENT'S MILITARY TRAINING, COURSEWORK, AND EDUCATION.

(B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE SHALL

**DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES GOVERNING THE AWARDING OF ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR A STUDENT'S MILITARY TRAINING, COURSEWORK, AND EDUCATION.**

SECTION ~~4~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~June~~ July 1, 2013.

**Approved by the Governor, April 9, 2013.**