

# SENATE BILL 153

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By: **Senator Currie**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Academic Credit for Military Education, Training, and**  
3 **Experience**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring public institutions of higher education to adopt policies  
5 for the purpose of awarding academic credit to a student for military education,  
6 training, and experience received while an active duty member of the uniformed  
7 services of the United States; requiring the Maryland Higher Education  
8 Commission to develop guidelines for public institutions of higher education to  
9 award academic credit to certain students for military education, training, and  
10 experience; requiring public institutions of higher education to utilize certain  
11 guidelines to adopt policies for the awarding of certain academic credit;  
12 requiring public institutions of higher education to award academic credit to  
13 certain students for military education, training, and experience beginning with  
14 a certain academic year; requiring the Commission to report to certain  
15 committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date regarding the  
16 development of certain guidelines; requiring each public institution of higher  
17 education to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before  
18 a certain date regarding the adoption of policies for the awarding of academic  
19 credit to certain students for military education, training, and experience;  
20 defining certain terms; and generally relating to the award of academic credit  
21 for military education, training, and experience.

22 BY adding to

23 Article – Education

24 Section 15–113

25 Annotated Code of Maryland

26 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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



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## Article – Education

2 15-113.

3 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
4 MEANINGS INDICATED.

5 (2) “ACADEMIC YEAR” MEANS THE PERIOD COMMENCING WITH  
6 THE FALL SEMESTER AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE IMMEDIATELY  
7 FOLLOWING SUMMER SESSION AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
8 EDUCATION.

9 (3) “ACTIVE DUTY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 7-1303 OF  
10 THIS ARTICLE.

11 (4) “UNIFORMED SERVICES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
12 7-1303 OF THIS ARTICLE.

13 (5) “VETERAN” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 7-1303 OF THIS  
14 ARTICLE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11           **(1) AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF**  
12 **THE UNITED STATES; OR**

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

17           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,  
18 2013, the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall report to the Senate  
19 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and  
20 Means Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on  
21 the guidelines it has developed for public institutions of higher education in the State  
22 to award academic credit to a student for military education, training, and experience  
23 received while an active duty member of the uniformed services of the United States.

24           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before July 1,  
25 2013, each public institution of higher education in the State shall report to the Senate  
26 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and  
27 Means Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on  
28 the policies it has adopted for the purpose of awarding academic credit to a student for  
29 military education, training, and experience received while an active duty member of  
30 the uniformed services of the United States.

31           SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
32 June 1, 2013.