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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 843
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety; after line 2, insert:

“University System of Maryland – Members of the Armed Forces – Financial Aid”;

strike beginning with “exempting” in line 3 down through “forces” in line 6 and substitute “establishing the Return to Maryland Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; providing that certain eligible students are exempt from paying the nonresident tuition rate at constituent institutions of the University System of Maryland; providing that the Program is limited to a certain number of students; requiring the University System of Maryland to administer the Program; requiring the University System of Maryland to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to financial aid for members of the armed forces”; strike in their entirety lines 7 through 11, inclusive; and after line 11, insert:

“BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 15-106.9

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 1 through line 20 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“15-106.9.

(Over)

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

(2) “CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 12-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) “ELIGIBLE STUDENT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(I) IS A FINANCIALLY DEPENDENT CHILD OF AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES;

(II) WAS ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR DURING THE 3 YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE SEEKING ENROLLMENT IN A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND; AND

(III) WAS A RESIDENT OF OR DOMICILED IN THE STATE WHILE ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE.

(4) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE RETURN TO MARYLAND PROGRAM.

(B) THERE IS A RETURN TO MARYLAND PROGRAM IN THE STATE.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WHO ONCE LIVED IN MARYLAND TO RETURN TO THE STATE AND ATTEND A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND.

(D) AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT IS EXEMPT FROM PAYING THE NONRESIDENT TUITION RATE AT A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND.

(E) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE LIMITED TO 100 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.

(F) THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before June 30, 2017, and June 30, 2018, the University System of Maryland shall submit a report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly regarding:

(1) how many individuals applied to the Return to Maryland Program established in accordance with § 15-106.9 of the Education Article; and

(2) how many individuals received awards under the Program.”;

and in line 21, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.