

SENATE BILL 606

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Appropriations* —

Introduced by **Senator Waugh**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland College Collaboration for Student Veterans Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland College Collaboration for Student Veterans
4 Commission; providing for the membership ~~and appointment~~ and terms of members
5 of the Commission; requiring the Commission to elect the chair, vice chair, and
6 secretary each year; requiring the Commission to meet a certain number of times
7 each year; providing that a member of the Commission may not receive certain
8 compensation, but may receive reimbursement for certain expenses under certain
9 regulations; providing for the duties of the Commission; and generally relating to the
10 Maryland College Collaboration for Student Veterans Commission.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – State Government

13 Section 9–949 through 9–954 to be under the new part “Part VII. Maryland College
14 Collaboration for Student Veterans Commission”

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – State Government**

6 **9–947. RESERVED.**

7 **9–948. RESERVED.**

8 **PART VII. MARYLAND COLLEGE COLLABORATION FOR STUDENT VETERANS**
9 **COMMISSION.**

10 **9–949.**

11 (A) IN THIS PART THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
12 INDICATED.

13 (B) “COLLEGE COLLABORATION” MEANS THE MARYLAND COLLEGE
14 COLLABORATION FOR STUDENT VETERANS, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
15 BETWEEN THE STATE AND MARYLAND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
16 DATED JANUARY 31, 2011.

17 (C) “COMMISSION” MEANS THE MARYLAND COLLEGE COLLABORATION
18 FOR STUDENT VETERANS COMMISSION.

19 **9–950.**

20 **THERE IS A MARYLAND COLLEGE COLLABORATION FOR STUDENT VETERANS**
21 **COMMISSION IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

22 **9–951.**

23 (A) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

24 (1) THE DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, OR
25 ~~THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;~~

26 (2) ~~THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR THE SECRETARY’S~~
27 ~~DESIGNEE; AND~~

28 ~~(3)~~ (2) THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF
29 MARYLAND, OR THE CHANCELLOR’S DESIGNEE;

1 ~~(4)~~ (3) THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND INDEPENDENT
2 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;

3 ~~(5)~~ (4) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND
4 ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
5 DESIGNEE; AND

6 ~~(3)~~ ~~(6)~~ (5) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
7 EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE, APPOINTED BY THE
8 PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTION.

9 ~~(B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE~~
10 ~~INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A)(6) OF THIS~~
11 ~~SECTION FROM A LIST OF THREE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED TO THE~~
12 ~~GOVERNOR BY THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SEEKING TO BE~~
13 ~~REPRESENTED ON THE COMMISSION.~~

14 ~~(C)~~ (B) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 2 YEARS.

15 (2) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL
16 A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

17 **9-952.**

18 THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT ANNUALLY A CHAIR, A VICE CHAIR, AND A
19 SECRETARY FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

20 **9-953.**

21 (A) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST FOUR TIMES EACH YEAR.

22 (B) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:

23 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
24 COMMISSION; BUT

25 (2) MAY RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
26 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

27 **9-954.**

28 THE COMMISSION SHALL:

1 **(1) WORK TO ENSURE THE EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS OF RETURNING**
2 **VETERANS, INCLUDING THEIR RECRUITMENT, SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION INTO**
3 **HIGHER EDUCATION, RETENTION, AND EVENTUAL GRADUATION;**

4 **(2) FACILITATE THE SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES AMONG**
5 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND STATE AGENCIES REGARDING**
6 **ACADEMIC TRANSITION PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT SERVICES DESIGNED FOR**
7 **RETURNING VETERANS;**

8 **(3) WORK WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE**
9 **TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO VETERANS, AS SET FORTH IN THE**
10 **COLLEGE COLLABORATION:**

11 **(I) AWARENESS OF VETERAN REINTEGRATION CHALLENGES;**

12 **(II) COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION OF AVAILABLE**
13 **VETERAN SERVICES;**

14 **(III) A DESIGNATED “ONE DOOR” OFFICE THAT COORDINATES**
15 **VETERAN SERVICES AND SUPPORTS;**

16 **(IV) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES;**

17 **(V) FINANCIAL AID AND GI BILL SUPPORT SERVICES; AND**

18 **(VI) PEER SUPPORT GROUPS; ~~AND~~**

19 **(4) PUBLISH AN ANNUAL REPORT AND ANY OTHER MATERIAL THE**
20 **COMMISSION CONSIDERS NECESSARY; AND**

21 **(5) SUBMIT THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN**
22 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2016.