

HOUSE BILL 1602

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Higher Education – Priority Registration for Veterans**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring public institutions of higher education to grant priority
4 registration for courses to certain currently serving members and veterans of the
5 armed forces of the United States; providing that a certain course registration
6 priority applies only within a certain period of time after an eligible service member
7 was on active duty; providing that a certain course registration priority does not
8 apply to an eligible service member after a certain number of academic years;
9 requiring public institutions of higher education to adopt certain policies; defining a
10 certain term; and generally relating to currently serving members and veterans of
11 the armed forces of the United States and course registration in public institutions
12 of higher education.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 15–123

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **15–123.**

22 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ELIGIBLE SERVICE MEMBER” MEANS:**

23 **(1) A CURRENTLY SERVING MEMBER OF ANY BRANCH OF THE ARMED**
24 **FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL GUARD AND THE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **MILITARY RESERVES; AND**

2 **(2) A VETERAN OF ANY BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE**
3 **UNITED STATES, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL GUARD AND THE MILITARY RESERVES,**
4 **WHO HAS RECEIVED AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE OR A CERTIFICATE OF**
5 **SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF MILITARY SERVICE.**

6 **(B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A PUBLIC INSTITUTION**
7 **OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL GRANT PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR COURSES TO**
8 **AN ELIGIBLE SERVICE MEMBER.**

9 **(C) THE PRIORITY REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B)**
10 **OF THIS SECTION:**

11 **(1) APPLIES ONLY WITHIN 15 YEARS AFTER THE ELIGIBLE SERVICE**
12 **MEMBER WAS LAST ON ACTIVE DUTY; AND**

13 **(2) DOES NOT APPLY AFTER AN ELIGIBLE SERVICE MEMBER'S**
14 **FOURTH ACADEMIC YEAR.**

15 **(D) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT**
16 **POLICIES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

17 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
18 **October 1, 2018.**