

SENATE BILL 509

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Colleges – Veterans Advisors and Veterans Resource Centers –**
3 **Established**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain community colleges to employ a veterans advisor to
5 provide enrollment and advising services to certain students and to establish a
6 veterans resource center; and generally relating to veterans advisors and veterans
7 resource centers at community colleges.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 16–109

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **16–109.**

17 **EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL:**

18 **(1) EMPLOY AT LEAST ONE FULL–TIME VETERANS ADVISOR TO**
19 **PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE AND INTENSIVE ENROLLMENT AND ADVISING SERVICES**
20 **TO CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS WHO ARE VETERANS; AND**

21 **(2) ESTABLISH A VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER ON CAMPUS TO:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) PROVIDE ACCESS TO FEDERAL AND STATE VETERANS**
2 **RESOURCES;**

3 **(II) SERVE AS A QUIET PLACE FOR VETERANS TO STUDY;**

4 **(III) ENABLE VETERANS TO CONNECT TO OTHER VETERANS,**
5 **HELPING THEM RENEW THE BONDS OF MILITARY SERVICE; AND**

6 **(IV) BE THE CENTRAL HUB FOR ALL ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS**
7 **RELATED TO VETERANS.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2018.