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## **HB506-Higher Education – Nonresident Tuition Exemption for Military Personnel, Spouses, and Dependents – Alterations**

- Today we are considering HB 506 that allows a spouse or dependent child to retain Maryland resident status for tuition when the active-duty member no longer meets the State residency requirement in the period between the acceptance to a public institution of higher education and enrollment.
- The bill affects the dependents of active-duty members who are reassigned to another state after the dependent has been accepted but before enrolling in a public institution of higher education.
- Maryland has done a good job of ensuring students with military sponsors stationed here continue with in-state tuition if they remain continuously enrolled, even if the sponsoring military member is transferred.
- This bill closes a loophole where the military sponsor receives orders for an out of state change of station for the period between the dependent student's receiving a letter of acceptance and the start of classes. During this period that dependent student may lose in-state status without the clarification of HB 506.
- Such changes in status before the start of classes places dependent students in a situation where they must pay higher tuition or find another college at the last minute.
- Currently 16 states have incorporated language and 7 states have introduced bills with policy language to address this issue.

- Maryland is a state that has long been a home—permanent and temporary—to the most worthy men and women in the United States military who serve and sacrifice for our country.
- It is fitting that we favorably report this bill to honor all serving military families and their dependents that are /will be residents in our state.