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**By: Delegate C. Davis**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Tuition Assistance Reimbursement Program - Members of the**  
3 **Maryland National Guard**

4 FOR the purpose of creating a tuition assistance reimbursement program for members of  
5 the Maryland National Guard at certain institutions of higher education in the  
6 State; specifying the maximum amount of the reimbursement and certain terms and  
7 conditions for reimbursement; and generally relating to a program of tuition  
8 assistance reimbursement for members of the Maryland National Guard.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - Education  
11 Section 18-606  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 18-606.

18 (A) THERE IS A PROGRAM OF TUITION ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SECTION.

19 (B) ANY MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD SHALL RECEIVE  
20 FULL AND COMPLETE REIMBURSEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR TUITION  
21 COSTS NOT TO EXCEED THE RESIDENT TUITION RATES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
22 MARYLAND AT COLLEGE PARK FOR COURSES CREDITED TOWARD A DEGREE AT  
23 ANY PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

24 (C) (1) THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION SHALL BE FILED WITH  
25 THE ADMINISTRATION NO LATER THAN JULY 1 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE  
26 ACADEMIC YEAR FOR WHICH TUITION REIMBURSEMENT IS SOUGHT.

27 (2) PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE 1 YEAR AFTER SUCCESSFUL  
28 COMPLETION OF EACH ACADEMIC YEAR.

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1                   (3) PAYMENT MAY BE MADE ONLY IF THE APPLICANT IS STILL  
2 EMPLOYED OR ACTIVELY ENGAGED AS A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND NATIONAL  
3 GUARD AT THE TIME OF REIMBURSEMENT.

4                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 1996.