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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Waiver of Tuition and Fees - Certain Disabled Veterans**
3 **and Dependents of Veterans**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a waiver from tuition under certain circumstances for
5 certain disabled veterans and dependents of veterans, if the veteran or
6 dependent enters the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University,
7 St. Mary's College of Maryland, or a State community college; defining certain
8 terms; requiring the veteran or dependent to meet certain academic standards;
9 and generally relating to a tuition waiver for certain disabled veterans and
10 dependents of veterans.

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Education
13 Section 13-701.1, 14-108, 14-406.1, and 16-106(e)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article - Education**

19 13-701.1.

20 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
21 INDICATED.

1 (2) "DEPENDENT OF A VETERAN" MEANS THE CHILD OR SPOUSE OF:

2 (I) A VETERAN WHO IS AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN;

3 (II) A VETERAN WHO WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE
4 SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES; OR

5 (III) A VETERAN WHO IS MISSING IN ACTION.

6 (3) "ELIGIBLE VETERAN" MEANS A VETERAN, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-901
7 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, WHO SUFFERS A SERVICE-RELATED
8 DISABILITY OF 10% OR GREATER.

9 (4) (I) "FEE" MEANS A MANDATORY FEE OTHER THAN TUITION THAT:

10 1. IS CHARGED TO A STUDENT BY A CONSTITUENT
11 INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND; AND

12 2. MUST BE PAID BY THE STUDENT FOR THE STUDENT TO
13 REMAIN ENROLLED AT A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
14 OF MARYLAND.

15 (II) "FEE" INCLUDES:

16 1. AN APPLICATION FEE;

17 2. AN ATHLETIC ACTIVITY FEE;

18 3. A LABORATORY FEE; AND

19 4. A REGISTRATION FEE.

20 (5) "INSTITUTION" MEANS A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE
21 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND.

22 (6) (I) "TUITION" MEANS THE BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL CHARGE FOR
23 UNDERGRADUATE COURSES.

24 (II) "TUITION" INCLUDES FEES.

25 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, AN INSTITUTION SHALL
26 ADMIT AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN TO ANY SCHEDULED COURSE AND WAIVE THE
27 TUITION.

28 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, AN INSTITUTION
29 SHALL ADMIT THE DEPENDENT OF A VETERAN TO ANY SCHEDULED COURSE AND
30 WAIVE THE TUITION INVOLVED IF THE DEPENDENT IS:

31 (I) THE SPOUSE OF A VETERAN; OR

32 (II) THE CHILD OF A VETERAN WHO:

1 1. IS CHARGED TO A STUDENT BY MORGAN STATE
2 UNIVERSITY; AND

3 2. MUST BE PAID BY THE STUDENT FOR THE STUDENT TO
4 REMAIN ENROLLED AT MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

5 (II) "FEE" INCLUDES:

6 1. AN APPLICATION FEE;

7 2. AN ATHLETIC ACTIVITY FEE;

8 3. A LABORATORY FEE; AND

9 4. A REGISTRATION FEE.

10 (5) (I) "TUITION" MEANS THE BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL CHARGE FOR
11 UNDERGRADUATE COURSES.

12 (II) "TUITION" DOES INCLUDES FEES.

13 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, MORGAN STATE
14 UNIVERSITY SHALL ADMIT AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN TO ANY SCHEDULED COURSE AND
15 WAIVE THE TUITION.

16 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, MORGAN STATE
17 UNIVERSITY SHALL ADMIT THE DEPENDENT OF A VETERAN TO ANY SCHEDULED
18 COURSE AND WAIVE THE TUITION INVOLVED IF THE DEPENDENT IS:

19 (I) THE SPOUSE OF A VETERAN; OR

20 (II) THE CHILD OF A VETERAN WHO:

21 1. ENTERS MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY BETWEEN THE
22 AGES OF 16 AND 21 YEARS; AND

23 2. MEETS THE CONDITIONS OF SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS
24 SECTION.

25 (2) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL ADMIT THE CHILD DEPENDENT
26 OF A VETERAN TO ANY SCHEDULED COURSE AND WAIVE THE TUITION INVOLVED
27 FOR THE LESSER OF:

28 (I) THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT IT TAKES THE CHILD TO COMPLETE
29 THE COURSES NEEDED TO GRADUATE FROM MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; OR

30 (II) 4 YEARS FROM THE DATE THAT THE CHILD IS FIRST ADMITTED
31 TO MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

1 (D) AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN OR DEPENDENT OF A VETERAN ADMITTED UNDER
2 THIS SECTION SHALL MEET THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS OF MORGAN STATE
3 UNIVERSITY:

4 (1) BEFORE ENTERING MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

5 (2) TO RETAIN THE WAIVER GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

6 (E) (1) AT THE TERMINATION OF EACH SEMESTER, MORGAN STATE
7 UNIVERSITY SHALL FURNISH TO ITS BOARD OF REGENTS A STATEMENT OF THE
8 NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

9 (2) THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL REPORT THE INFORMATION
10 COLLECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE BUDGET
11 COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR.

12 14-406.1.

13 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
14 INDICATED.

15 (2) "DEPENDENT OF A VETERAN" MEANS THE CHILD OR SPOUSE OF:

16 (I) A VETERAN WHO IS AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN;

17 (II) A VETERAN WHO WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE
18 SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES; OR

19 (III) A VETERAN WHO IS MISSING IN ACTION.

20 (3) "ELIGIBLE VETERAN" MEANS A VETERAN, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-901
21 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, WHO SUFFERS A SERVICE-RELATED
22 DISABILITY OF 10% OR GREATER.

23 (4) (I) "FEE" MEANS A MANDATORY FEE OTHER THAN TUITION THAT:

24 1. IS CHARGED TO A STUDENT BY ST. MARY'S COLLEGE; AND

25 2. MUST BE PAID BY THE STUDENT FOR THE STUDENT TO
26 REMAIN ENROLLED AT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

27 (II) "FEE" INCLUDES:

28 1. AN APPLICATION FEE;

29 2. AN ATHLETIC ACTIVITY FEE;

30 3. A LABORATORY FEE; AND

31 4. A REGISTRATION FEE.

1 (5) (I) "TUITION" MEANS THE BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL CHARGE FOR
2 UNDERGRADUATE COURSES.

3 (II) "TUITION" INCLUDES FEES.

4 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
5 SHALL ADMIT AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN TO ANY SCHEDULED COURSE AND WAIVE THE
6 TUITION.

7 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
8 SHALL ADMIT THE DEPENDENT OF A VETERAN TO ANY SCHEDULED COURSE AND
9 WAIVE THE TUITION INVOLVED IF THE DEPENDENT IS:

10 (I) THE SPOUSE OF A VETERAN; OR

11 (II) THE CHILD OF A VETERAN WHO:

12 1. ENTERS ST. MARY'S COLLEGE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16
13 AND 21 YEARS; AND

14 2. MEETS THE CONDITIONS OF SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS
15 SECTION.

16 (2) ST. MARY'S COLLEGE SHALL ADMIT THE CHILD DEPENDENT OF A
17 VETERAN TO ANY SCHEDULED COURSE AND WAIVE THE TUITION INVOLVED FOR
18 THE LESSER OF:

19 (I) THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT IT TAKES THE CHILD TO COMPLETE
20 THE COURSES NEEDED TO GRADUATE FROM ST. MARY'S COLLEGE; OR

21 (II) 4 YEARS FROM THE DATE THAT THE CHILD IS FIRST ADMITTED
22 TO ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

23 (D) AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN OR DEPENDENT OF A VETERAN ADMITTED UNDER
24 THIS SECTION SHALL MEET THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS OF ST. MARY'S COLLEGE:

25 (1) BEFORE ENTERING ST. MARY'S COLLEGE; AND

26 (2) TO RETAIN THE WAIVER GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

27 (E) (1) AT THE TERMINATION OF EACH SEMESTER, ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
28 SHALL FURNISH TO ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES A STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF
29 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

30 (2) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL REPORT THE INFORMATION
31 COLLECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE BUDGET
32 COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR.

1 16-106.

2 (E) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
3 MEANINGS INDICATED.

4 (II) "DEPENDENT OF A VETERAN" MEANS THE CHILD OR SPOUSE
5 OF:

6 1. A VETERAN WHO IS AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN;

7 2. A VETERAN WHO WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY
8 WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES; OR

9 3. A VETERAN WHO IS MISSING IN ACTION.

10 (III) "ELIGIBLE VETERAN" MEANS A VETERAN, AS DEFINED UNDER §
11 9-901 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, WHO SUFFERS A SERVICE-RELATED
12 DISABILITY OF 10% OR GREATER.

13 (IV) 1. "FEE" MEANS A MANDATORY FEE OTHER THAN TUITION
14 THAT:

15 A. IS CHARGED TO A STUDENT BY A COMMUNITY COLLEGE;
16 AND

17 B. MUST BE PAID BY THE STUDENT FOR THE STUDENT TO
18 REMAIN ENROLLED AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

19 2. "FEE" INCLUDES:

20 A. AN APPLICATION FEE;

21 B. AN ATHLETIC ACTIVITY FEE;

22 C. A LABORATORY FEE; AND

23 D. A REGISTRATION FEE.

24 (V) 1. "TUITION" MEANS THE BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL CHARGE
25 FOR UNDERGRADUATE COURSES.

26 2. "TUITION" INCLUDES FEES.

27 (2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A COMMUNITY
28 COLLEGE SHALL ADMIT AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN TO ANY SCHEDULED COURSE AND
29 WAIVE THE TUITION.

30 (3) (I) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A
31 COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL ADMIT THE DEPENDENT OF A VETERAN TO ANY
32 SCHEDULED COURSE AND WAIVE THE TUITION INVOLVED IF THE DEPENDENT IS:

- 1 1. THE SPOUSE OF A VETERAN; OR
2 2. THE CHILD OF A VETERAN WHO:
3 A. ENTERS THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BETWEEN THE AGES
4 OF 16 AND 21 YEARS; AND
5 B. MEETS THE CONDITIONS OF PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS
6 SUBSECTION.

7 (II) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL ADMIT THE CHILD DEPENDENT
8 OF A VETERAN TO ANY SCHEDULED COURSE AND WAIVE THE TUITION INVOLVED
9 FOR THE LESSER OF:

10 1. THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT IT TAKES THE CHILD TO
11 COMPLETE THE COURSES NEEDED TO GRADUATE FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE;
12 OR

13 2. 4 YEARS FROM THE DATE THAT THE CHILD IS FIRST
14 ADMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

15 (4) AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN OR DEPENDENT OF A VETERAN ADMITTED
16 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL MEET THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS OF THE
17 COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

18 (I) BEFORE ENTERING THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND

19 (II) TO RETAIN THE WAIVER GRANTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

20 (5) (I) AT THE TERMINATION OF EACH SEMESTER, A COMMUNITY
21 COLLEGE SHALL FURNISH TO ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES A STATEMENT OF THE
22 NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
23 SUBSECTION.

24 (II) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL REPORT THE INFORMATION
25 COLLECTED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH TO THE BUDGET
26 COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2000.