

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 581
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, after “Delegation” insert “and Delegates Hammen, Barve, Benson, Boteler, Bromwell, Costa, Donoghue, Elliott, Frank, Hubbard, Kach, Kohl, Kullen, Mandel, McDonough, Morhaim, Murray, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Pendergrass, Rudolph, V. Turner, and Weldon”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Public Safety - Volunteer Company Assistance Fund” and substitute “Education - Tuition Assistance Program for Firemen and Rescue Squad Members”; in lines 3 and 6 and 7, in each instance, strike “Volunteer Company Assistance Fund” and substitute “tuition assistance program for firemen and rescue squad members”; in line 4, strike “Volunteer Company Assistance Fund” and substitute “Fire and Emergency Medical Services Tuition Reimbursement Program”; and strike in their entirety lines 8 through 22, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 18-603

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 1 through line 8 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“Article - Education

18-603.

(Over)

(a) There is a [program of tuition assistance] CHARLES W. RILEY FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM under this section.

(b) Any career or volunteer firefighter or ambulance or rescue squad member who is a resident of Maryland shall receive full and complete reimbursement by the Office for tuition costs not to exceed the resident tuition rates at the 4-year public institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland University College and University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate, for courses credited toward a degree in fire service technology or emergency medical technology.

(c) (1) The tuition reimbursement application shall be filed with the Office no later than July 1 immediately following the academic year for which tuition reimbursement is sought.

(2) Payment shall be made 1 year after successful completion of each academic year.

(3) Payment may be made only if the applicant is still employed or actively engaged as a career or volunteer firefighter or ambulance or rescue squad member in an organized fire department or ambulance or rescue squad in this State.”.