

SENATE BILL 153

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By: **Senator Currie**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Academic Credit for Military Education, Training, and**
3 **Experience**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring ~~public institutions of higher education to adopt policies~~
5 ~~for the purpose of awarding academic credit to a student for military education,~~
6 ~~training, and experience received while an active duty member of the uniformed~~
7 ~~services of the United States; requiring the Maryland Higher Education~~
8 ~~Commission to develop guidelines for public institutions of higher education to~~
9 ~~award academic credit to certain students for military education, training, and~~
10 ~~experience; requiring public institutions of higher education to utilize certain~~
11 ~~guidelines to adopt policies for the awarding of certain academic credit;~~
12 ~~requiring public institutions of higher education to award academic credit to~~
13 ~~certain students for military education, training, and experience beginning with~~
14 ~~a certain academic year; requiring the Commission to report to certain~~
15 ~~committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date regarding the~~
16 ~~development of certain guidelines; requiring each public institution of higher~~
17 ~~education to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before~~
18 ~~a certain date regarding the adoption of policies for the awarding of academic~~
19 ~~credit to certain students for military education, training, and experience;~~
20 ~~defining certain terms; the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop~~
21 and adopt certain guidelines regarding the awarding of academic credit for
22 military training, coursework, and education; requiring the governing bodies of
23 each public institution of higher education to develop and implement certain
24 policies in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the Commission; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 generally relating to the award of academic credit for military education,
2 training, and experience.

3 BY adding to
4 Article – Education
5 Section 15–113
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

10 **Article – Education**

11 ~~15–113.~~

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

14 ~~(2) “ACADEMIC YEAR” MEANS THE PERIOD COMMENCING WITH~~
15 ~~THE FALL SEMESTER AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE IMMEDIATELY~~
16 ~~FOLLOWING SUMMER SESSION AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER~~
17 ~~EDUCATION.~~

18 ~~(3) “ACTIVE DUTY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 7-1303 OF~~
19 ~~THIS ARTICLE.~~

20 ~~(4) “UNIFORMED SERVICES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §~~
21 ~~7-1303 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

22 ~~(5) “VETERAN” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 7-1303 OF THIS~~
23 ~~ARTICLE.~~

24 ~~(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:~~

25 ~~(1) AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF~~
26 ~~THE UNITED STATES; OR~~

27 ~~(2) A VETERAN OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED~~
28 ~~STATES.~~

29 ~~(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC~~
30 ~~INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO AWARD ACADEMIC CREDIT TO A~~
31 ~~STUDENT FOR MILITARY EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE RECEIVED~~

~~1 WHILE AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE
2 UNITED STATES AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~3 (D) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT
4 POLICIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AWARDING ACADEMIC CREDIT TO A STUDENT
5 FOR MILITARY EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE RECEIVED WHILE AN
6 ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES.~~

~~7 (E) TO ADOPT THE POLICIES REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF
8 THIS SECTION, EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL
9 UTILIZE:~~

~~10 (1) THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER
11 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

~~12 (2) THE GUIDE TO THE EVALUATION OF EDUCATIONAL
13 EXPERIENCES IN THE ARMED SERVICES, PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN
14 COUNCIL ON EDUCATION.~~

~~15 (F) BEGINNING WITH THE 2014 ACADEMIC YEAR, EACH PUBLIC
16 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL AWARD ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR
17 MILITARY EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE RECEIVED WHILE A
18 MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES TO A STUDENT
19 WHO IS:~~

~~20 (1) AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF
21 THE UNITED STATES; OR~~

~~22 (2) AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED
23 SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO BECOMES A STUDENT AT A PUBLIC
24 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN 3 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF
25 SEPARATION FROM MILITARY SERVICE.~~

~~26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,
27 2013, the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall report to the Senate
28 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and
29 Means Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on
30 the guidelines it has developed for public institutions of higher education in the State
31 to award academic credit to a student for military education, training, and experience
32 received while an active duty member of the uniformed services of the United States.~~

~~33 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before July 1,
34 2013, each public institution of higher education in the State shall report to the Senate
35 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and
36 Means Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on~~

1 ~~the policies it has adopted for the purpose of awarding academic credit to a student for~~
 2 ~~military education, training, and experience received while an active duty member of~~
 3 ~~the uniformed services of the United States.~~

4 **15-113.**

5 **(A) THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC**
 6 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE, SHALL DEVELOP AND**
 7 **ADOPT GUIDELINES ON AWARDING ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR A STUDENT'S**
 8 **MILITARY TRAINING, COURSEWORK, AND EDUCATION.**

9 **(B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE**
 10 **COMMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNING BODY**
 11 **OF EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE SHALL**
 12 **DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES GOVERNING THE AWARDING OF ACADEMIC**
 13 **CREDIT FOR A STUDENT'S MILITARY TRAINING, COURSEWORK, AND EDUCATION.**

14 SECTION ~~4~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
 15 effect ~~June~~ July 1, 2013.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.