

## Chapter 76

**(House Bill 87)**

AN ACT concerning

**Higher Education – Returned Peace Corps Volunteers – In-State Tuition**

FOR the purpose of exempting returned Peace Corps volunteers who are domiciled in the State from paying nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State; establishing that returned Peace Corps volunteer students shall be included as in-State residents for the computation of State aid to community colleges; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt regulations; and generally relating to the residency requirement for in-State tuition purposes.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 15–106.11

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

**Article – Education****15–106.11.**

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER” MEANS A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS AS HAVING SERVED SATISFACTORILY AS A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER.**

**(B) A RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER WHO ATTENDS A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE IS EXEMPT FROM PAYING NONRESIDENT TUITION AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE IF THE RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER IS DOMICILED IN THE STATE.**

**(C) A STUDENT WHO ATTENDS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE AND PAYS TUITION AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE INCLUDED AS AN IN-STATE RESIDENT FOR COMPUTATION OF STATE AID TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 16–305 AND 16–512 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

**(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE**

**PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

**Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2022.**