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By: **Delegate Pippy**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship – Eligibility for**
3 **Stepchildren**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for the Veterans of the Afghanistan
5 and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship to include stepchildren of veterans, active duty and
6 reserve members of the United States armed forces, and members of the National
7 Guard who served in, or were activated as a result of, the Afghanistan and Iraq
8 conflict; and generally relating to the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts
9 Scholarship.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 18–604(a) and (b)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Education
17 Section 18–604(c)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Education**

23 18–604.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) For purposes of this section, an individual served in the Afghanistan or Iraq
2 conflict if the individual was a member of the uniformed services of the United States who
3 served in:

4 (1) Afghanistan or contiguous air space, as defined in federal regulations,
5 on or after October 24, 2001, and before a terminal date to be prescribed by the United
6 States Secretary of Defense; or

7 (2) Iraq or contiguous waters or air space, as defined in federal regulations,
8 on or after March 19, 2003, and before a terminal date to be prescribed by the United States
9 Secretary of Defense.

10 (b) There is a Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship.

11 (c) An individual may apply to the Office for a scholarship under this section if
12 the individual:

13 (1) Is a resident of Maryland;

14 (2) (i) Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular
15 undergraduate program at an eligible institution; or

16 (ii) Is accepted for admission or enrolled in a 2-year terminal
17 certificate program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an
18 accredited baccalaureate program in an eligible institution; and

19 (3) (i) 1. Is a veteran, as defined under § 9-901 of the State
20 Government Article, who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq conflict;

21 2. Is an active duty member of the armed forces who served
22 in the Afghanistan or Iraq conflict; or

23 3. Is a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of
24 the United States or the Maryland National Guard who was activated as a result of the
25 Afghanistan or Iraq conflict described in subsection (a) of this section; or

26 (ii) Is a son, daughter, **STEPSON, STEPDAUGHTER,** or spouse of:

27 1. A veteran or active duty member of the armed forces who
28 is serving or has served in the Afghanistan or Iraq conflict; or

29 2. A member of the reserve or Maryland National Guard who
30 was activated as a result of the Afghanistan or Iraq conflict described in subsection (a) of
31 this section.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
33 1, 2022.