HOUSE BILL 87

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By: **Delegate Hill**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

10 BY adding to
11   Article – Education
12   Section 15–106.11
13   Annotated Code of Maryland
14   (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

18 **15–106.11.**

19   (A)   IN THIS SECTION, "RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER" MEANS A
20 PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS AS
21 HAVING SERVED SATISFACTORILY AS A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER.

22   (B)   A RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER WHO ATTENDS A PUBLIC
23 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE IS EXEMPT FROM PAYING

1   **NONRESIDENT TUITION AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE**
2   **STATE IF THE RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER IS DOMICILED IN THE STATE.**

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

8   **(D)   THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE**
9   **PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

10   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11   1, 2022.