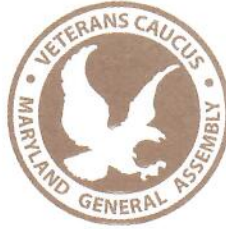


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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

TO: Maggie McIntosh, Chairwoman
Appropriations

FROM: Maryland Veterans Caucus

DATE: February 3, 2020

RE: **HB 597 – Higher Education - Nonresident Tuition -
Exemption for Spouses and Dependents of Honorably
Discharged Veterans**


The Maryland Veterans Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on **HB 597 –Higher Education - Nonresident Tuition - Exemption for Spouses and Dependents of Honorably Discharged Veterans**

This bill was sponsored by Delegate **Pat Young** for the purpose of exempting a spouse or financially dependent child of an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces from paying nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State, subject to documentation that the veteran was discharged honorably at any time; repealing a requirement that certain public institutions of higher education comply with federal law relating to nonresident tuition for veterans and veterans, dependents; etc.

The Veterans Caucus mission is to study, develop and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of employment, education, economic, training and health, and to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of veterans in the State. There are approximately 471,200 veterans living in the State of Maryland.

The Veterans Caucus Legislative Committee favorably recommends strong support of **HB 597**, and the full caucus voted to support this bill.

Thank you,


Delegate C.T. Wilson
House Chair, Veterans Caucus

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To study, develop, and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of benefits, employment, education, economics, training, and health, and to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of all veterans in the State.