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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
VETERANS CAUCUS

TO: Maggie McIntosh, Chairwoman  
Appropriations

FROM: Maryland Veterans Caucus

DATE: February 3, 2020

RE: **HB 596 – Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts  
Scholarship - Graduate Students and Other Alterations**


The Maryland Veterans Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on **HB 596 – Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship - Graduate Students and other Alterations**

This bill was sponsored by Delegate **Pat Young** for the purpose of altering the eligibility criteria for the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship; authorizing the scholarship to be awarded to certain graduate students; providing that graduate scholarship recipients may hold the award for 3 years of full-time study and 6 years of part-time study; altering the requirement of filing for federal and State financial aid; prohibiting certain scholarships from being awarded after a certain date; and authorizing certain scholarships to be renewed after a certain date.

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 596**, 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.