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**Testimony of Delegate Darryl Barnes in Support of HB 1130  
Higher Education – For-Profit Institutions – Standards for Operation**

Dear Chair McIntosh, Vice-Chairman Chang, and Members of the Appropriations Committee:

**HB 1130** amplifies last year's SB 294 that was passed into law by this body. SB294 aims to ensure quality education for veterans through determining which type of money can be used to pay for that education. HB1130 has inserted five measurements of quality that are readily available for review either through the accrediting body that has granted an institution accreditation or through review on IPEDS data.

Quality can be evaluated on the basis of student retention rate, student graduation rate, student in-field placement rate and (if applicable) graduate credentialing rate. Quality can also be determined, to a lesser extent, with the evaluation of cohort default rate. Due to the application of SB294 solely to schools that operate under a for-profit tax designation, the quality appellation for veterans' education does consider students who opt to attend public or private non-profit institutions.

HB 1130 is necessary to improve the quality and efficiency we are offering the Maryland-based veteran community. For all these reasons and more, **I am asking for a favorable report on HB 1130.**

Sincerely,

*Darryl Barnes*

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