



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

TO: Chair Vanessa Atterbeary
Ways and Means Committee

Chair Ben Barnes
Appropriations Committee

FROM: Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership

DATE: February 12, 2024

RE: **HB 1087 - Institutions of Higher Education - Online Gambling - Prohibition**

The Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership respectfully requests a favorable report on **HB 1087 - Institutions of Higher Education - Online Gambling - Prohibition**. This bill was sponsored by Delegate **Queen** for the purpose of prohibiting the use of online gambling websites and programs on the campuses of higher education in Maryland. This bill would also require the institutions to create a geofence, which is a virtual perimeter, around the entire campus which would prevent the students from accessing online gambling programs.

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, economics, training, and health. And to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of the veterans in the State.

The Veterans Caucus Legislative Review Board offers and **recommends support and a favorable report of HB 1087.**

Thank you,

Mike Rogers

Delegate Mike Rogers
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.