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February 21, 2024

The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary
Chair, Ways and Means Committee
Room 131, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 923 - State Department of Education - Study on Transfer and Awarding of Advanced Placement Course Credits and Military Students

Dear Chairwoman Atterbeary and Committee Members,

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs supports HB 923 - State Department of Education - Study on Transfer and Awarding of Advanced Placement Course Credits and Military Students.

The MDVA supports this study to examine whether, and to what extent, a military student who completes AP coursework in another state can transfer and receive credit from a local public school in Maryland. Additionally, this study will identify any barriers to receiving credit or partial credit, collect data, and make recommendations on removing barriers and best practices.

This bill is in keeping with the Governor's pledge to make 2024 the Year for Military Families by studying and removing the barriers that military students face when their parent(s) move to Maryland on active duty.

Thank you for your attention to this important proposal and I ask the committee for a favorable report on HB 923.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Woods". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Anthony C. Woods
Secretary

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