

HOUSE BILL 1074

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Institutions of Higher Education – Priority Registration for Members of**
3 **the Armed Forces**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring public institutions of higher education to grant priority
5 registration for courses to certain currently serving members and veterans of the
6 armed forces of the United States; providing that a certain course registration
7 priority applies only within a certain period of time after an eligible service member
8 was on active duty; providing that a certain course registration priority does not
9 apply to an eligible service member after a certain number of academic years;
10 requiring public institutions of higher education to adopt certain policies; defining a
11 certain term; and generally relating to currently serving members and veterans of
12 the armed forces of the United States and course registration in public institutions
13 of higher education.

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Education
16 Section 15–123
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article – Education

2 15-123.

3 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “ELIGIBLE SERVICE MEMBER” MEANS:

4 (1) A CURRENTLY SERVING MEMBER OF ANY BRANCH OF THE ARMED
5 FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL GUARD AND THE
6 MILITARY RESERVES; AND7 (2) A VETERAN OF ANY BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
8 UNITED STATES, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL GUARD AND THE MILITARY RESERVES,
9 WHO HAS RECEIVED AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE OR A CERTIFICATE OF
10 SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF MILITARY SERVICE.11 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A PUBLIC INSTITUTION
12 OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL GRANT PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR COURSES TO
13 AN ELIGIBLE SERVICE MEMBER.14 (C) THE PRIORITY REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (B)
15 OF THIS SECTION:16 (1) APPLIES ONLY WITHIN 15 YEARS AFTER THE ELIGIBLE SERVICE
17 MEMBER WAS LAST ON ACTIVE DUTY; AND18 (2) DOES NOT APPLY AFTER AN ELIGIBLE SERVICE MEMBER’S
19 FOURTH ACADEMIC YEAR.20 (D) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT
21 POLICIES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2018.