Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Fund in the Commission: directing the Commission to use certain gifts and grants for the Fund in a certain manner: requiring the Commission to prepare a certain annual report regarding the Fund; requiring that the Commission transfer certain unspent Senatorial and Delegate scholarship funds to fund Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarships: establishing a certain Outreach and Advocacy Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs; requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to appoint a certain director of the Program; providing a salary for and the duties of the director; requiring the Program to help veterans and their dependents become aware of and access certain benefits to which they are entitled under federal, State, and local law; requiring the director to develop and implement a certain veterans outreach plan; authorizing the director to enter into certain contracts and work with certain governmental units and with certain organizations to provide certain information about certain services for veterans; requiring the director to develop certain mechanisms for outreach; requiring the Department to develop and maintain a certain database; requiring the Department, in conjunction with certain organizations to develop a certain survey; requiring the Outreach and Advocacy Program to seek out and track certain veterans and provide certain veterans with certain information; requiring the Secretary to submit a report on or before a certain date of each year to the Governor and the General Assembly: providing a certain death benefit to the surviving spouse, child, dependent parent, or estate of certain individuals serving in the Afghanistan or Iraq conflict under certain circumstances; establishing a Task Force to Study State Assistance to Veterans; providing for the composition of the Task Force; providing for the appointment of the chairman of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving compensation but entitling members to reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study certain issues and make certain recommendations; requiring the Task Force to submit certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the application of a certain provision of this Act; providing for the termination of a certain provision of this Act; and generally relating to education, benefits, and benefits assistance for veterans and veterans' families.

## BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments.

Article Education

Section 18 407, 18 501, and 18 601(a) and (d)

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