salary or compensation of the Carroll County Board of Education members shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved April 27, 2004.

CHAPTER 224

(House Bill 1314)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education - National Guard Student

FOR the purpose of requiring a public institution of higher education to allow a certain national guard student to withdraw from courses the national guard student is currently enrolled in without negative consequences to the national guard student's academic standing if the national guard student's unit is activated and deployed to a location outside the State; requiring a public institution of higher education to try to assist the national guard student in completing the course requirements under certain circumstances; authorizing a public institution of higher education to provide a full or partial tuition refund to a national guard student who has withdrawn from courses due to the activation and deployment of the national guard student's unit; defining a certain term; and generally relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to allow a national guard student to withdraw from courses if the national guard student is deployed outside the State.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 15-106.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

Article - Education

15-106.3.

- (A) IN THIS SECTION, "NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL GUARD.
- (B) A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ALLOW A NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT TO WITHDRAW FROM COURSES THE NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN WITHOUT NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES TO