

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 65 - Militia

Section 12A

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

**Article 65 - Militia**

12A.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Institution" means any campus of the University System of Maryland, any community college established pursuant to Title 16 of the Education Article, Morgan State University, or St. Mary's College.

(3) "Member" means any [resident of the State] GUARD PERSON who:

(i) Is regularly enlisted in the Maryland National Guard; or

(ii) Holds a commission in the Maryland National Guard as:

1. An officer in the grade of captain or below; or

2. A warrant officer.

(4) (i) "Tuition" means the basic instructional charge for undergraduate credit courses AND RELATED FEES.

(ii) "Tuition" does not include[:

1. Charges] CHARGES for self-supporting programs[; or

2. Fees, such as those for registration, application, or laboratory work].

(b) [(1)] To the extent that funds are provided in the budget, the Military Department may provide assistance equal to 50 percent of the COST OF IN-STATE tuition for any regularly scheduled undergraduate credit course for any active member who is certified as eligible by the Maryland Adjutant General.

[(2) The amount of tuition assistance may not exceed \$500 per semester for each member at institutions other than community colleges. The amount of tuition assistance at community colleges may not exceed \$250 per semester for each member.]

(c) (1) The Maryland Adjutant General may not certify a member as eligible unless the member:

(i) If enlisted, has at least 24 months remaining to serve on the member's current enlistment; or