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Letter of Information



House Appropriations Committee *House Bill 529 (Crosby) Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program – Veterans – Number of Eligible Recipients*



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On behalf of the member institutions of the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) and the nearly 55,000 students we serve, I thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of information for [HB 529 \(Crosby\) Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program – Veterans – Number of Eligible Recipients](#). This bill would remove the cap of eligible recipients of the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.



Many MICUA institutions enthusiastically enroll students with a military background or their dependents, with a select number being recipients of the Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program. MICUA schools have participated in the Conroy Scholarship Program since its inception. In recent years, the Program has experienced extensive administrative delays in processing reimbursement payments for the Program's awardees. It is understood by MICUA institutions that payment is forthcoming, but the timeline of receipt is arbitrary. The institutions have been expected to absorb these amounts in their budget while they wait for an unknown amount of time for reimbursement. The goal and intention of the bill are admirable and noble; however, we hope there is a resolution to shorten the payment timeline as we foresee an influx of recipients into the Program and anticipate an even more significant overwhelming impact on very tight budgets at MICUA institutions.



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