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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - University System of Maryland Constituent Institutions**
3 **- "Up-to-the-Minute Electronic Subscription Service" for Legislative**
4 **Information**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Legislative Services, Office of
6 Information Systems, to make its "up-to-the-minute electronic subscription
7 service" available at no charge to each constituent institution of the University
8 System of Maryland during each session of the General Assembly; requiring the
9 constituent institutions of the University System of Maryland to provide the
10 service to certain persons; requiring the University System office or its designee
11 to coordinate the implementation of the service at the constituent institutions;
12 defining a certain term; and generally relating to access to a certain
13 "up-to-the-minute electronic subscription service" for legislative information at
14 the constituent institutions of the University System of Maryland.

15 BY adding to
16 Article - Education
17 Section 12-115
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

22 **Article - Education**

23 12-115.

24 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "UP-TO-THE-MINUTE ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIPTION
25 SERVICE" MEANS INTERNET SERVICE THAT ALLOWS A SUBSCRIBER TO VIEW
26 INFORMATION ON LEGISLATION AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING
27 REAL-TIME PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND AND THE
28 SENATE OF MARYLAND AS THEY OCCUR, AS MAINTAINED ON THE MARYLAND
29 GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S WEBSITE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES,
30 OFFICE OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

1 (B) (1) DURING EACH SESSION OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, OFFICE OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS,
3 SHALL MAKE ITS "UP-TO-THE-MINUTE ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE"
4 AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE TO EACH CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE
5 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND.

6 (2) EACH INSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCESS WITHOUT
7 CHARGE TO THE "UP-TO-THE-MINUTE ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE" TO ITS
8 STUDENTS AND STAFF AND TO ANY OTHER PERSON LAWFULLY PRESENT ON ITS
9 CAMPUS.

10 (C) THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OFFICE OR ITS DESIGNEE SHALL COORDINATE
11 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "UP-TO-THE-MINUTE ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIPTION
12 SERVICE" DESCRIBED UNDER THIS SECTION AT ITS CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2006.