

HOUSE BILL 1049

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By: **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2008

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Services – College Tuition Waiver for Committed Youth**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that youth placed in an out-of-home placement by
4 the Department of Juvenile Services are exempt from paying tuition at a public
5 institution of higher education under certain circumstances; altering certain
6 definitions; and generally relating to juvenile services.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 15–106.1
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Education**

15 15–106.1.

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

17 (2) “Foster care recipient” means an individual who:

18 (i) Was placed in an out-of-home placement by the Maryland
19 Department of Human Resources **OR THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE**
20 **SERVICES**; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) 1. Resided in an out-of-home placement in the State at
2 the time the individual graduated from high school or successfully completed a general
3 equivalency development examination (GED); or

4 2. A. Resided in an out-of-home placement in the
5 State on the individual's 14th birthday; and

6 B. Was adopted out of an out-of-home placement after
7 the individual's 14th birthday.

8 (3) "Out-of-home placement" [has the meaning stated in § 5-501 of
9 the Family Law Article] **MEANS PLACEMENT OF A CHILD INTO FOSTER CARE,
10 KINSHIP CARE, A GROUP HOME, RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CARE, OR YOUTH
11 CAMP.**

12 (4) (i) "Tuition" means the charges imposed by a public institution
13 of higher education for enrollment at the institution.

14 (ii) "Tuition" includes charges for registration and all fees
15 required as a condition of enrollment.

16 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a foster care
17 recipient is exempt from paying tuition at a public institution of higher education if:

18 (i) The foster care recipient is enrolled at the institution on or
19 before the date that the foster care recipient reaches the age of 21 years;

20 (ii) The foster care recipient is enrolled as a candidate for an
21 associate's degree or a bachelor's degree; and

22 (iii) The foster care recipient has filed for federal and State
23 financial aid by March 1 each year.

24 (2) If a foster care recipient receives a scholarship or grant for
25 postsecondary study and is enrolled before the recipient's 21st birthday as a candidate
26 for an associate's degree or bachelor's degree at a public institution of higher
27 education, the foster care recipient may not be required to pay the difference between
28 the amount of the scholarship or grant and the amount of the tuition.

29 (3) A foster care recipient who is exempt from tuition under this
30 section continues to be exempt until the earlier of:

31 (i) 5 years after first enrolling as a candidate for an associate's
32 degree or a bachelor's degree at a public institution of higher education in the State; or

33 (ii) The date that the foster care recipient is awarded a
34 bachelor's degree.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2008.