

# HOUSE BILL 1388

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Maryland Truth in Tuition Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a governing board to develop, on or before a certain date,  
4 a long-term tuition plan for certain public senior higher education institutions;  
5 providing that the purpose of the long-term tuition plan is to ensure that  
6 certain students enrolling in and certain individuals who apply for admission to  
7 certain public senior higher education institutions are informed of the tuition  
8 that will be charged for a certain number of academic years of enrollment;  
9 requiring a governing board or public senior higher education institution to  
10 publish certain tuition rates in certain materials; requiring tuition rates for  
11 certain years to be included in certain published materials; authorizing the  
12 inclusion of certain tuition increases in certain long-term tuition plans under  
13 certain circumstances; requiring a governing board to update a long-term  
14 tuition plan on or before a certain date each year; prohibiting a governing board  
15 from changing tuition rates developed previously under a certain long-term  
16 tuition plan; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the development  
17 of a long-term tuition plan for certain public senior higher education  
18 institutions and the publication of certain tuition rates.

19 BY adding to  
20 Article – Education  
21 Section 15–106.7  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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**Article – Education**2 **15-106.7.**

3 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
4 MEANINGS INDICATED.

5 (2) “ACADEMIC YEAR” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 15-106.5  
6 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

7 (3) “GOVERNING BOARD” MEANS:

8 (I) THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
9 OF MARYLAND;

10 (II) THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MORGAN STATE  
11 UNIVERSITY; AND

12 (III) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF  
13 MARYLAND.

14 (4) “PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION” HAS THE  
15 MEANING STATED IN § 10-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

16 (5) “TUITION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 15-106.5 OF THIS  
17 SUBTITLE.

18 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ON OR BEFORE  
19 JULY 1, 2009, A GOVERNING BOARD SHALL DEVELOP A LONG-TERM TUITION  
20 PLAN FOR A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.

21 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE LONG-TERM TUITION PLAN IS TO ENSURE  
22 THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE INFORMED OF THE TUITION THAT  
23 WILL BE CHARGED FOR 4 ACADEMIC YEARS OF ENROLLMENT AT A PUBLIC  
24 SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION:

25 (1) A RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT WHO ENROLLS IN  
26 THE PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION; AND

27 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO APPLIES FOR ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC  
28 SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.

1           (D) (1) ON ADOPTION OF A LONG-TERM TUITION PLAN FOR A PUBLIC  
2 SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION AND BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF  
3 EACH ACADEMIC YEAR, A GOVERNING BOARD OR PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER  
4 EDUCATION INSTITUTION SHALL PUBLISH TUITION RATES ESTABLISHED UNDER  
5 THE LONG-TERM TUITION PLAN IN MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED TO:

6                           (I) AN ENROLLING RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT;  
7 AND

8                           (II) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO APPLIES FOR ADMISSION TO THE  
9 PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.

10           (2) THE PUBLICATION OF TUITION RATES UNDER THIS SECTION  
11 SHALL INCLUDE TUITION RATES FOR:

12                           (I) THE UPCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR; AND

13                           (II) THE FOLLOWING 3 ACADEMIC YEARS.

14           (E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
15 SUBSECTION, TUITION RATES DEVELOPED UNDER A LONG-TERM TUITION PLAN  
16 MAY INCLUDE TUITION INCREASES AS NECESSARY FOR A PUBLIC SENIOR  
17 HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION TO MAINTAIN AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF  
18 EDUCATIONAL AND EDUCATION-RELATED SERVICES.

19           (2) A GOVERNING BOARD MAY NOT CHARGE, AND A PUBLIC  
20 SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION MAY NOT IMPOSE, TUITION HIGHER  
21 THAN THE TUITION PUBLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

22           (F) (1) FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF A LONG-TERM TUITION PLAN  
23 FOR A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION, ON OR BEFORE JULY  
24 1 OF EACH YEAR, A GOVERNING BOARD SHALL UPDATE THE LONG-TERM  
25 TUITION PLAN.

26           (2) A GOVERNING BOARD MAY NOT CHANGE TUITION RATES  
27 DEVELOPED PREVIOUSLY UNDER THE LONG-TERM TUITION PLAN.

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