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By: **Senators Jones–Rodwell, Benson, Conway, Garagiola, Klausmeier, Madaleno, Peters, and Pugh**

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **International Education – Support**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the
4 Maryland Independent College and University Association, ~~and~~ the Maryland
5 Association of Community Colleges, the University System of Maryland,
6 Morgan State University, and St. Mary’s College of Maryland to support and
7 encourage students and faculty to promote international education as a part of
8 curricular and extracurricular life at colleges and universities in the State; and
9 generally relating to the support of international education as a part of
10 curricular and extracurricular life at colleges and universities in the State.

11 WHEREAS, International education is a critical component of higher education
12 in Maryland and contributes to the economy of the State and to a diverse higher
13 education environment, enhancing both academic and extracurricular programs; and

14 WHEREAS, International education is critical to promoting a broadened
15 worldview and therefore preparing Marylanders for life and work in the global
16 economy; and

17 WHEREAS, International education is critical to the creation of a diverse
18 academic environment by exchanging scholars and students between countries and
19 building the foundation for future business success; and

20 WHEREAS, Higher education should emphasize international education,
21 including foreign language instruction and study abroad, in order to ensure that

EXPLANATION:

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.



1 graduates have the cross-cultural skills necessary to function effectively in the global
2 workforce; and

3 WHEREAS, The Maryland General Assembly recognizes the social importance
4 of cultural awareness, the need to promote study abroad programs that serve
5 Maryland students, and the economic significance of international students who come
6 to Maryland for the educational opportunities provided by the State; and

7 WHEREAS, Maryland public and independent institutions of higher education,
8 the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Maryland Independent College and
9 University Association, and the Maryland Association of Community Colleges
10 recognize the importance of an international curriculum and experiential learning;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Maryland public and independent institutions of higher education
13 foster international experiences and cross-cultural competencies among students,
14 faculty, and citizens of Maryland and facilitate communication, cooperation, and
15 expansion of international educational activities and exchanges in the State; and

16 WHEREAS, A strategy at the State and national level is needed to ensure the
17 United States' status as a magnet for international students and scholars; and

18 WHEREAS, The economy of the State is inextricably tied to the rest of the
19 world, and State economic development depends on a deliberate strategic development
20 plan that includes recognition of the role of international education in all its facets;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Heightened cultural awareness is critical to national interests and
23 is a critical component of foreign policy; therefore, Maryland public and independent
24 institutions of higher education play a key role in developing foreign language and
25 international expertise by promoting language study, study abroad, and faculty
26 exchange programs; and

27 WHEREAS, The national security, economic interests, and competitiveness of
28 the United States depend significantly on the country's ability to provide future
29 leaders with the best education possible; and

30 WHEREAS, International education is an essential component of the future of
31 the State; now, therefore, be it

32 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
33 Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Maryland Independent College and
34 University Association, ~~and~~ the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, the
35 University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary's College of
36 Maryland are urged to support and encourage students and faculty to promote
37 international education as a part of curricular and extracurricular life at colleges and

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1 universities in the State to ensure that students and future leaders are prepared to
2 meet the challenges of a global society; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
4 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
5 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the
6 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates; Anwer Hasan, Chair
7 of the Maryland Higher Education Commission; Rev. Brian Linnane, S.J., Chair of the
8 Board of Trustees of the Maryland Independent College and University Association;
9 and Donna Horgan, President of the Executive Committee of the Maryland
10 Association of Community Colleges.

Approved:

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.