

HOUSE BILL 368

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Institutions of Higher Education – Hazing – Required Reporting and Education**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the governing board of each institution of higher education
4 to adopt and submit to the Maryland Higher Education Commission a certain
5 written policy on hazing; requiring the governing board of each institution of higher
6 education to report to the Commission each year certain information related to
7 hazing at the institution; requiring institutions of higher education to provide
8 students with a certain educational program on hazing and establishing certain
9 requirements for the program; requiring the Commission to take certain actions
10 regarding institutional hazing policies and to provide the General Assembly with a
11 certain report on or before a certain date each year; defining a certain term; and
12 generally relating to institutions of higher education and hazing.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 11–1401 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 14. Hazing Policy”

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **SUBTITLE 14. HAZING POLICY.**

22 **11–1401.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, "HAZING" MEANS AN ACT THAT IS PROHIBITED
2 UNDER § 3-607 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

3 (B) THE GOVERNING BOARD OF EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
4 SHALL:

5 (1) ADOPT AND SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSION THE INSTITUTION'S
6 WRITTEN POLICY ON HAZING; AND

7 (2) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1 EACH YEAR, REPORT TO THE COMMISSION
8 THE NUMBER OF HAZING INCIDENTS REPORTED AT THE INSTITUTION IN THE PRIOR
9 ACADEMIC YEAR AND THE OUTCOMES OF THE INCIDENTS.

10 (C) EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE STUDENTS
11 WITH AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ON HAZING, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE:

12 (1) INFORMATION ON HAZING AWARENESS;

13 (2) INFORMATION ON HAZING PREVENTION; AND

14 (3) THE INSTITUTION'S POLICY ON HAZING.

15 (D) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

16 (1) COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HAZING POLICIES;

17 (2) PERIODICALLY REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
18 CHANGES IN THESE POLICIES; AND

19 (3) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1 EACH YEAR, REPORT TO THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,
21 REGARDING:

22 (I) THE POLICIES ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

23 (II) THE NUMBER OF HAZING INCIDENTS REPORTED AND THE
24 OUTCOMES OF THE INCIDENTS.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2018.