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(To be offered in the Appropriations Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 295
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**University System of Maryland**” and substitute “**Public Institutions of Higher Education**”; in the same line, after “**Withdrawal**” insert “**Policy**”; strike beginning with “constituent” in line 5 down through “Maryland” in line 6 and substitute “each public institution of higher education to adopt a certain policy”; in line 6, strike “and” and substitute “that includes a provision”; in line 8, strike “the University System of Maryland” and substitute “withdrawal policies at public institutions of higher education”; and in line 11, strike “12–124” and substitute “15–136”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 17, strike “**12–124.**” and substitute “**15–136.**”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 7, inclusive, and substitute:

“(B) (1) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A POLICY THAT AUTHORIZES A STUDENT TO WITHDRAW FOR EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

“(2) THE POLICY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE A PROVISION TO REIMBURSE TUITION AND FEES FOR THE SEMESTER IN WHICH A STUDENT WITHDRAWS IF THE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES INHIBIT THE STUDENT’S ABILITY TO ACQUIRE AN EDUCATION AT THE PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN POLICY.”.