

# HOUSE BILL 1087

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By: **Delegate Queen**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Institutions of Higher Education – Online Gambling – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting online gambling while on campus at an institution of higher  
4 education in the State; requiring each institution of higher education to establish a  
5 geofence around the perimeter of the campus that prevents access to online gambling  
6 within the campus property; requiring each institution of higher education to publish  
7 a written policy online that is consistent with the provisions of this Act; and generally  
8 relating to online gambling while on campus at institutions of higher education in  
9 the State.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Education

12 Section 15–138

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **15–138.**

19 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
20 **INDICATED.**

21 **(2) “GEOFENCE” MEANS A VIRTUAL PERIMETER AROUND A PHYSICAL**  
22 **LOCATION.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(3) “ONLINE GAMBLING” MEANS USING A CELLULAR PHONE**  
2 **APPLICATION USED FOR PLACING ONLINE BETS, WAGERS, OR GAMBLING.**

3           **(B) ONLINE GAMBLING IS PROHIBITED ON THE CAMPUSES OF EACH**  
4 **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.**

5           **(C) (1) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2024, EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER**  
6 **EDUCATION IN THE STATE SHALL ESTABLISH A GEOFENCE ENCOMPASSING THE**  
7 **ENTIRE CAMPUS PROPERTY THAT PREVENTS ACCESS TO ONLINE GAMBLING WITHIN**  
8 **THE CAMPUS PROPERTY.**

9           **(2) IF AN INDIVIDUAL ATTEMPTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ONLINE**  
10 **GAMBLING WHILE WITHIN THE DESIGNATED GEOFENCE, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE:**

11                   **(I) PREVENTED FROM ONLINE GAMBLING; AND**

12                   **(II) SHOWN A WARNING THAT CONTAINS INFORMATION ON:**

13                           **1. THE PROHIBITION DESCRIBED UNDER THIS SECTION;**  
14 **AND**

15                           **2. OPTIONS FOR SEEKING HELP FOR GAMBLING**  
16 **ADDICTION.**

17           **(D) EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE SHALL**  
18 **PUBLISH ON THE INSTITUTION’S WEBSITE A WRITTEN POLICY CONSISTENT WITH**  
19 **THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

20           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
21 1, 2024.