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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - University of Maryland College Park - Cap on Tuition and**  
3 **Mandatory Fee Increases**

4 FOR the purpose of limiting, to the rate of inflation for the previous calendar year, the  
5 amount of the annual increase in tuition and mandatory fees that maybe charged  
6 each academic year to a resident undergraduate or graduate student at the  
7 University of Maryland College Park.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 13-303  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 13-303.

17 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
18 INDICATED.

19 (2) "ACADEMIC YEAR" MEANS THE PERIOD COMMENCING WITH THE  
20 FALL SEMESTER AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
21 SUMMER SESSION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK.

22 (3) "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX" MEANS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
23 (ALL URBAN CONSUMERS - UNITED STATES CITY AVERAGE - ALL ITEMS) FOR THE  
24 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 AS PUBLISHED BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
25 BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

26 (B) THE BOARD OF REGENTS MAY NOT APPROVE, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF  
27 MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK MAY NOT IMPOSE, AN INCREASE IN THE TUITION AND  
28 MANDATORY FEES CHARGED FOR AN ACADEMIC YEAR TO A RESIDENT  
29 UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

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1 COLLEGE PARK THAT EXCEEDS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE PRECEDING  
2 CALENDAR YEAR.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 July 1, 1996.