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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Capping Tuition Increases for Maryland College Students**

3 FOR the purpose of limiting, to the rate of inflation for the previous calendar year, the
4 amount of the annual increase in tuition and mandatory fees that maybe charged
5 each academic year to a resident undergraduate or graduate student at a public
6 institution of higher education in the State; providing for the termination of this
7 Act; and generally relating to a cap on the increase in tuition and mandatory fees at
8 public institutions of higher education in the State for a specifiedtime period.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Education
11 Section 15-108
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 15-108.

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

20 (2) "ACADEMIC YEAR" MEANS, FOR A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
21 EDUCATION IN THE STATE, THE PERIOD COMMENCING WITH THE FALL SEMESTER
22 AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SUMMER SESSION AT
23 THE INSTITUTION.

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

1 (B) THE GOVERNING BOARD OF A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
2 EDUCATION IN THE STATE MAY NOT APPROVE, AND THE INSTITUTION MAY NOT
3 IMPOSE, AN INCREASE IN THE TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES CHARGED FOR AN
4 ACADEMIC YEAR TO A RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDENT AT
5 THE INSTITUTION THAT EXCEEDS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE
6 PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 1996. It shall remain in effect for a period of five years and,at the end of June 30,
9 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
10 abrogated and of no further force and effect.