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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Financial Aid to Institutions of Higher Education - University of Maryland University**
3 **College**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State to provide funding to University of Maryland
5 University College in certain amounts in certain fiscal years.

6 BY adding to

7 Article - Education

8 Section 12-112

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1997 Replacement Volume)

11 Preamble

12 WHEREAS, Higher education, and the institutions that provide it, are increasingly
13 prominent factors in the quality of life and economic development of states and nations;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The international economy, labor market demands for a highly skilled
16 and professional work force, and rapid technological change increasingly require
17 education beyond high school for both individuals and economies; and

18 WHEREAS, It is essential if Maryland is to maintain and improve its competitive
19 position in the region and the world, that Maryland's work force continue to be upgraded;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, There are increasing numbers of nontraditional and part-time
22 students in Maryland who require accessible and moderate cost higher education in order
23 to meet the work force demands of a changing economy; and

24 WHEREAS, University College, one of the constituent institutions in the University
25 of Maryland System, serves a unique role by providing a variety of educational programs,
26 including scientific, technical, and management programs, to enhance students' career
27 development while providing Maryland employers a more skilled and productive work
28 force; and

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1 WHEREAS, There are 14,000 students attending University College programs in
2 Maryland who pay the highest undergraduate tuition among the State's public institutions
3 and two to three times the tuition charged by Maryland community colleges; and

4 WHEREAS, Because of the State's severe economic downturn in 1992, the State
5 eliminated its funding commitment to help offset the relatively high cost of tuition at
6 University College; and

7 WHEREAS, The State's economy has improved significantly since State assistance
8 to University College was eliminated; now, therefore,

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

11 **Article - Education**

12 12-112.

13 BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 1999, THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING FOR
14 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

15 (1) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 1999, AN AMOUNT
16 EQUAL TO 10 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND PER FULL TIME
17 EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF
18 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR;

19 (2) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2000, AN AMOUNT
20 EQUAL TO 12 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND PER FULL-TIME
21 EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF
22 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR;

23 (3) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2001, AN AMOUNT
24 EQUAL TO 14 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND PER FULL-TIME
25 EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF
26 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR;

27 (4) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2002, AN AMOUNT
28 EQUAL TO 16 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND PER FULL-TIME
29 EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF
30 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR;

31 (5) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2003, AN AMOUNT
32 EQUAL TO 18 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND PER FULL-TIME
33 EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF
34 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR; AND

35 (6) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2004, AN AMOUNT
36 EQUAL TO 20 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND PER FULL-TIME
37 EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF
38 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.

39 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
40 October 1, 1997.

