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By: **Senator Lawlah (Chairman, Health, Education and Human Resources
Subcommittee)**

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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**
3 **University 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 and 1997 Supplement)

11 **Preamble**

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

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

18 WHEREAS, It is essential if Maryland is to maintain and improve its
19 competitive position in the region and the world, that Maryland's work force continue
20 to be upgraded; 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
23 order to meet the work force demands of a changing economy; and

24 WHEREAS, University College, one of the constituent institutions in the
25 University System of Maryland, serves a unique role by providing a variety of
26 educational programs, including scientific, technical, and management programs, to

1 enhance students' career development while providing Maryland employers a more
2 skilled and productive work force; and

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

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

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

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

14 **Article - Education**

15 12-112.

16 BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2000, THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE
17 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE
18 NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE STATE OF
19 MARYLAND IN PROGRAMS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
20 DURING THE FALL SEMESTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR PRECEDING THE FISCAL YEAR
21 FOR WHICH THE AID APPROPRIATION IS MADE MULTIPLIED BY THE FOLLOWING
22 AMOUNTS:

23 (1) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2000, AN AMOUNT
24 EQUAL TO 10 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 (2) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2001, AN AMOUNT
28 EQUAL TO 12 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 (3) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2002, AN AMOUNT
32 EQUAL TO 14 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;

35 (4) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2003, AN AMOUNT
36 EQUAL TO 16 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;

1 (5) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2004, AN AMOUNT
2 EQUAL TO 18 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND PER FULL-TIME
3 EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF
4 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR; AND

5 (6) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2005, AND FOR
6 SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 20 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S
7 GENERAL FUND PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT APPROPRIATION TO THE
8 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE FOR THE
9 PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 July 1, 1998.