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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Waiver of Tuition and Fees - Foster Care Recipients**

3 FOR the purpose of providing a certain waiver from tuition and mandatory fees for  
4 certain students who enter an institution of higher education and who reside or  
5 have resided in foster care; providing the conditions for receiving the waiver;  
6 exempting a recipient from repaying certain amounts; defining certain terms;  
7 providing for the duration of the waiver; and generally relating to a waiver from  
8 tuition and mandatory fees for certain students who reside or have resided in  
9 foster care.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Education

12 Section 15-106.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article - Education**

18 15-106.1.

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

21 (2) "FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

22 (I) RESIDED IN A FOSTER CARE HOME IN THE STATE ON OR AFTER  
23 THE INDIVIDUAL'S 18TH BIRTHDAY; OR

24 (II) 1. RESIDED IN A FOSTER CARE HOME IN THE STATE ON THE  
25 INDIVIDUAL'S 16TH BIRTHDAY; AND

1                                    2.            WAS ADOPTED OUT OF A FOSTER CARE HOME AFTER THE  
2 INDIVIDUAL'S 16TH BIRTHDAY.

3                    (3)        (I)            "TUITION" MEANS THE CHARGES IMPOSED BY A PUBLIC  
4 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ENROLLMENT AT THE INSTITUTION.

5                                    (II)           "TUITION" INCLUDES CHARGES FOR REGISTRATION AND ALL  
6 FEES REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF ENROLLMENT.

7        (B)        (1)           EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A  
8 FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT IS EXEMPT FROM PAYING TUITION AT A PUBLIC  
9 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IF:

10                                    (I)           THE FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED AT THE  
11 INSTITUTION ON OR BEFORE THE DATE THAT THE FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT  
12 REACHES THE AGE OF 21 YEARS;

13                                    (II)           THE FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT IS ENROLLED AS A CANDIDATE  
14 FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE; AND

15                                    (III)          THE FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT HAS SUBMITTED AN  
16 APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAM FOR  
17 WHICH THE RECIPIENT QUALIFIES.

18                                    (2)           IF A FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT RECEIVES A SCHOLARSHIP OR GRANT  
19 FOR POSTSECONDARY STUDY AND IS ENROLLED BEFORE THE RECIPIENT'S 21ST  
20 BIRTHDAY AS A CANDIDATE FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE  
21 AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, THE FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT  
22 MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMOUNT OF THE  
23 SCHOLARSHIP OR GRANT AND THE AMOUNT OF THE TUITION.

24                                    (3)           A FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT WHO IS EXEMPT FROM TUITION UNDER  
25 THIS SECTION CONTINUES TO BE EXEMPT UNTIL THE EARLIER OF:

26                                    (I)           5 YEARS AFTER FIRST ENROLLING AS A CANDIDATE FOR AN  
27 ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF  
28 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE; OR

29                                    (II)          THE DATE THAT THE FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT IS AWARDED A  
30 BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

31            SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
32 July 1, 2000.