

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 289

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “in a certain fiscal year”; in line 6, strike “under certain circumstances”; and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 11, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 12 on page 1 through line 12 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“Preamble

WHEREAS, The Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula and the Baltimore City Community College have not been fully funded since 2002; and

WHEREAS, Due to a combination of formula reductions and tremendous enrollment growth, Maryland community colleges are receiving less funding per student than they did 2 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Projections show that enrollment at community colleges will grow significantly over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, Community colleges are an important part of the economic activity in this State; and

WHEREAS, Community colleges supply the largest share of new nurses and other health professionals and have attempted to meet the increasing demand for higher education for health care professionals, even as their State funds have been reduced in recent years; and

WHEREAS, There is a social and economic benefit to ensuring that community colleges

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remain affordable and accessible to residents of this State; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, That it is the intent of the General Assembly to recognize the important role of community colleges in providing higher education to the residents of this State.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, strike beginning with “, in” in line 14 down through “Article,” in line 15; and strike beginning with “shall” in line 15 down through “to” in line 17.