

(PRE-FILED)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **College Affordability - University System of Maryland - Cap on Tuition**
3 **Increases**

4 FOR the purpose of limiting, to the rate of inflation for the previous calendar year, the
5 amount of the annual increase in tuition that may be charged each academic
6 year to a resident undergraduate or graduate student at a constituent
7 institution of the University System of Maryland; defining certain terms; and
8 providing for the termination of this Act.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Education
11 Section 12-105.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 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 12-105.1.

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

20 (2) "ACADEMIC YEAR" MEANS THE PERIOD COMMENCING WITH THE
21 FALL SEMESTER AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
22 SUMMER SESSION.

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

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

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

5 (B) THE BOARD OF REGENTS MAY NOT APPROVE AND A CONSTITUENT
6 INSTITUTION MAY NOT IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN THE TUITION CHARGED FOR AN
7 ACADEMIC YEAR TO A RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDENT THAT
8 EXCEEDS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
10 effect July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
11 June 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall
12 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.