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House Bill 1439
Appropriations

(Delegate Hixson)

Maryland Higher Education Commission - Encouragement and Facilitation of
MarylandOnline

This bill requires the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to encourage and facilitate the perpetuation of MarylandOnline.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MHEC could encourage and facilitate the perpetuation of MarylandOnline with existing personnel and resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: MHEC must coordinate the overall growth and development of postsecondary education in Maryland.

Background: MarylandOnline was established in 1999 as a consortium of public and private institutions of higher education in Maryland that collaborate to offer certificate and degree programs primarily in an online format. Its mission is to enhance the quality and availability of higher education for the citizens and employers of Maryland and for students worldwide. According to its web site, the consortium consists of 14 community colleges, 3 public four-year institutions of higher education, and 2 private institutions.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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