

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 959  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Dyson” and substitute “Dyson, Jones, Kasemeyer, Kramer, Lawlah, Munson, Ruben, Schrader, and Stoltzfus”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with “making” in line 5 down through “contingency;” in line 6 and substitute “limiting, for a certain academic year, an increase in the tuition that may be charged to a resident undergraduate student at a certain public senior higher education institution; establishing a Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education; providing for the composition of the Commission; providing for the appointment of the chairman of the Commission; requiring the Commission to review certain reports and options and make certain recommendations relating to the establishment of a consistent and stable funding mechanism to ensure accessibility and affordability at certain public institutions of higher education in Maryland; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the staffing of the Commission; providing for the termination of a certain provision of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 27 through 37, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the academic year beginning in the fall of 2006 only, the St. Mary’s College of Maryland Board of Trustees may not approve, and St. Mary’s College of Maryland may not impose, an increase in the tuition charged for the academic year to a resident undergraduate student more than 4.8% over the amount charged for tuition at St. Mary’s College of Maryland in the preceding 2005-2006 academic year.”

(Over)

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education.

(b) The Commission consists of the following members:

(1) Four members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) Four members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) The Secretary of Higher Education;

(4) The Secretary of Budget and Management;

(5) The President of the University of Maryland, College Park, or a designee of that President;

(6) The President of the University of Maryland University College or a designee of that President;

(7) The President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, or a designee of that President;

(8) The President of Morgan State University or a designee of that President;

(9) The President of Towson University or a designee of that President;

(10) The President of The Johns Hopkins University or a designee of that President;

(11) The President of the Maryland Independent College and University Association;

(12) The Chancellor of the University System of Maryland or a designee of the Chancellor;

(13) One community college president, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;

(14) The Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges;

(15) Four members of the business community, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, from among the following organizations:

(i) The Technology Council of Maryland;

(ii) The Maryland Business Roundtable for Education;

(iii) The Maryland Chamber of Commerce;

(iv) The Greater Washington Board of Trades;

(v) The Greater Baltimore Committee; and

(vi) The President's Roundtable, Inc.; and

(16) Three members of the public, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, one of whom must have experience in business, finance, or management.

(c) The chairman of the Commission shall be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

(d) The Commission shall review the report issued by Van de Water Consulting, Inc., hired by the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop an effective statewide framework for higher education funding as recommended in the 2004 Maryland State Plan for Postsecondary Education.

(e) The Commission shall review options and make recommendations relating to the establishment of a consistent and stable funding mechanism to ensure accessibility and affordability while at the same time promoting policies to achieve national eminence at all of Maryland's public institutions of higher education.

(f) The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2007.

(g) The staff for the Commission shall be provided and coordinated by the Department of Legislative Services. The Department of Budget and Management, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and the University System of Maryland shall also assign staff to assist the Commission.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006, and shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 10 months and, at the end of May 1, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 3 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 1, strike “3.” and substitute “5.”; in the same line, strike “2” and substitute “4”; and in line 2, strike “July” and substitute “June”.