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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Institutions of Higher Education - Transfer of Credits - Letter of**
3 **Acknowledgment**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain institutions of higher education to require
5 certain students to sign certain letters of acknowledgment regarding the
6 transfer of certain credits; requiring certain institutions to keep certain letters
7 on file for a certain period of time; requiring the Maryland Higher Education
8 Commission to create a certain template and post it on a certain website; and
9 generally relating to the transfer of credits to institutions of higher education.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Education

12 Section 11-404

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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 11-404.

19 (A) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION
20 TO OPERATE IN THE STATE THAT DOES NOT POSSESS REGIONAL ACCREDITATION
21 FROM THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION
22 OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS OR ANOTHER REGIONAL ACCREDITING BODY
23 APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE ITS STUDENTS TO SIGN A LETTER
24 OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THE TRANSFER OF CREDITS MAY BE DIFFICULT IF THE
25 STUDENT INTENDS TO TRANSFER THE CREDITS TO A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED
26 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

27 (B) THE INSTITUTION SHALL KEEP ON FILE THE LETTER OF
28 ACKNOWLEDGMENT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION WHILE

1 THE STUDENT ATTENDS THE INSTITUTION AND FOR 2 YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE
2 STUDENT COMPLETES THE COURSE.

3 (C) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

4 (1) CREATE A TEMPLATE FOR THE LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT
5 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; AND

6 (2) POST THE TEMPLATE ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2006.