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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Joint Resolution 5 (Delegate Aumann, *et al.*)  
Rules and Executive Nominations

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**Higher Education - International Educational Programs**

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This joint resolution encourages colleges and universities in Maryland to promote and participate in international educational programs and activities, to enhance the teaching of foreign languages, and to support study abroad programs, intercultural communications, and the understanding and respect for people of other countries.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Public institutions of higher education could comply with the provisions of the joint resolution with available resources.

**Local Effect:** Community colleges could comply with the provisions of the joint resolution with available resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Private colleges and universities could comply with the provisions of the joint resolution with available resources.

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**Analysis**

**Background:** As noted in the preamble, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution designating 2006 the “Year of Study Abroad.” The preamble to the U.S. Senate’s resolution states that educating students internationally “is an important way to ... create goodwill for the United States” and says that educational systems are responsible for ensuring that U.S. citizens are “globally literate.”

The Maryland Independent College and University Association advises that one of its member institutions, Goucher College, is one of the first schools in the nation to require students to have an international experience. Beginning in fall 2006, the college will offset costs by offering every student a \$1,200 voucher.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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