

HOUSE BILL 134

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CF SB 108

By: **The Speaker (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Busch, Conway, Barkley, Barnes, Bohanan, Branch, Cardin, Frush, Griffith, Haynes, Heller, Hixson, Howard, James, Jones, Kaiser, N. King, Proctor, Ramirez, Ross, and F. Turner**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Tuition Affordability Act of 2007**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting, for a certain academic year, an increase in the tuition
4 that may be charged to a resident undergraduate student at certain public
5 senior higher education institutions in Maryland; and generally relating to
6 tuition reductions at certain public senior higher education institutions in the
7 State.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Education
10 Section 15-106.5
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2006 Replacement Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Education**

16 15-106.5.

17 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) “Academic year” means the period commencing with the fall
2 semester and continuing through the immediately following summer session at a
3 public senior higher education institution.

4 (3) “Governing board” means:

5 (i) The Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland;
6 and

7 (ii) The Board of Regents of Morgan State University.

8 (4) “Public senior higher education institution” has the meaning stated
9 in § 10–101(j)(1) and (2) of this article.

10 (5) (i) “Tuition” means the charges approved by the governing
11 board of a public senior higher education institution that are required of all
12 undergraduate resident students by the institution as a condition of enrollment
13 regardless of the student’s degree program, field of study, or selected courses.

14 (ii) “Tuition” does not include:

15 1. Fees that are required of all undergraduate resident
16 students by the institution as a condition of enrollment regardless of the student’s
17 degree program, field of study, or selected courses;

18 2. Fees dedicated to support auxiliary enterprises and
19 other self-funded activities of a public senior higher education institution; or

20 3. A fee required only for enrollment in a specific degree
21 program, field of study, or course when that fee is not required of undergraduate
22 resident students at the public senior higher education institution for enrollment in
23 other degree programs, fields of study, or courses.

24 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the academic [year]
25 **YEARS** beginning in the fall of 2006 **AND 2007** only, a governing board may not
26 approve, and a public senior higher education institution may not impose, an increase
27 in the tuition charged for an academic year to a resident undergraduate student at the
28 institution over the amount charged for tuition at the institution in the preceding
29 academic year.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 July 1, 2007.