

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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CHAPTER _____

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**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 15–106.5.

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

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

6 (3) “Governing board” means:

7 (i) The Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland;
8 and

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

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

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

16 (ii) “Tuition” does not include:

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

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

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

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

1 institution over the amount charged for tuition at the institution in the preceding
2 academic year.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.