

HOUSE BILL 1047

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Maryland Truth in Tuition Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a governing board to develop, on or before a certain date,
4 a long-term tuition plan for a public senior higher education institution;
5 providing that the purpose of the long-term tuition plan is to ensure that
6 certain students enrolling in and certain individuals who apply for admission to
7 certain public senior higher education institutions are informed of the tuition
8 that will be charged for a certain number of academic years of enrollment;
9 requiring a governing board or public senior higher education institution to
10 publish certain tuition rates in certain materials; requiring tuition rates for
11 certain years to be included in certain published materials; authorizing the
12 inclusion of certain tuition increases in certain long-term tuition plans under
13 certain circumstances; requiring a governing board to update a long-term
14 tuition plan on or before a certain date each year; prohibiting a governing board
15 from changing tuition rates developed previously under a certain long-term
16 tuition plan; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the development
17 of a long-term tuition plan for certain public senior higher education
18 institutions and the publication of certain tuition rates.

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Education
21 Section 15–106.6

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

5 **Article – Education**

6 **15-106.6.**

7 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
8 MEANINGS INDICATED.

9 (2) “ACADEMIC YEAR” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 15-106.5
10 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

11 (3) “GOVERNING BOARD” MEANS:

12 (I) THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
13 OF MARYLAND;

14 (II) THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MORGAN STATE
15 UNIVERSITY; AND

16 (III) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF
17 MARYLAND.

18 (4) “PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION” HAS THE
19 MEANING STATED IN § 10-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

20 (5) “TUITION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 15-106.5 OF THIS
21 SUBTITLE.

22 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ON OR BEFORE
23 JULY 1, 2008, A GOVERNING BOARD SHALL DEVELOP A LONG-TERM TUITION
24 PLAN FOR A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.

25 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE LONG-TERM TUITION PLAN IS TO ENSURE
26 THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE INFORMED OF THE TUITION THAT

1 WILL BE CHARGED FOR 4 ACADEMIC YEARS OF ENROLLMENT AT A PUBLIC
2 SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION:

3 (1) A RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT WHO ENROLLS IN
4 THE PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION; AND

5 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO APPLIES FOR ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC
6 SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.

7 (D) (1) ON ADOPTION OF A LONG-TERM TUITION PLAN FOR A PUBLIC
8 SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION AND BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF
9 EACH ACADEMIC YEAR, A GOVERNING BOARD OR PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER
10 EDUCATION INSTITUTION SHALL PUBLISH TUITION RATES ESTABLISHED UNDER
11 THE LONG-TERM TUITION PLAN IN MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED TO:

12 (I) AN ENROLLING RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT;
13 AND

14 (II) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO APPLIES FOR ADMISSION TO THE
15 PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.

16 (2) THE PUBLICATION OF TUITION RATES UNDER THIS SECTION
17 SHALL INCLUDE TUITION RATES FOR:

18 (I) THE UPCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR; AND

19 (II) THE FOLLOWING 3 ACADEMIC YEARS.

20 (E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
21 SUBSECTION, TUITION RATES DEVELOPED UNDER A LONG-TERM TUITION PLAN
22 MAY INCLUDE TUITION INCREASES AS NECESSARY FOR A PUBLIC SENIOR
23 HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION TO MAINTAIN AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF
24 EDUCATIONAL AND EDUCATION-RELATED SERVICES.

25 (2) A GOVERNING BOARD MAY NOT CHARGE, AND A PUBLIC
26 SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION MAY NOT IMPOSE, TUITION HIGHER
27 THAN THE TUITION PUBLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

1 **(F) (1) FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF A LONG-TERM TUITION PLAN**
2 **FOR A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION, ON OR BEFORE JULY**
3 **1 OF EACH YEAR, A GOVERNING BOARD SHALL UPDATE THE LONG-TERM**
4 **TUITION PLAN.**

5 **(2) A GOVERNING BOARD MAY NOT CHANGE TUITION RATES**
6 **DEVELOPED PREVIOUSLY UNDER THE LONG-TERM TUITION PLAN.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 June 1, 2007.