

HOUSE BILL 1272

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Disclosure of Education Records - Notice to Students**
3 **and Parents**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring public institutions of higher education in the State to
5 enclose with letters of admission certain information regarding disclosure of
6 education records; requiring public institutions of higher education to send
7 certain information to the mailing address of certain parents or guardians;
8 requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt certain
9 regulations; and generally relating to the disclosure of education records to
10 parents or guardians by public institutions of higher education.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Education
13 Section 15-101
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Education**

19 15-101.

20 (a) Each public institution of higher education shall accept for admission any
21 graduate of an approved public high school:

22 (1) Who is certified by his high school principal, based on standards of
23 the State Board of Education, as qualified to pursue a course of study at the
24 institution; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Who meets the admission standards of the institution.

2 (b) (1) Each public institution of higher education may accept, for special
3 admission any student who has:

4 (i) Completed the seventh grade; and

5 (ii) A scholastic aptitude test combined score of 1,200 or an
6 equivalent score on a nationally accepted college entrance examination.

7 (2) This subsection does not affect the State or local share of aid
8 provided pursuant to § 5-202 of this article to the secondary school in which the
9 student is enrolled.

10 (c) (1) **EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL
11 ENCLOSE WITH A LETTER OF ADMISSION TO A STUDENT A SUMMARY OF THE
12 FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT, 20 U.S.C. § 1232(G) THAT
13 INCLUDES:**

14 (i) **A DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPES OF INFORMATION
15 REGARDING EDUCATION RECORDS THAT MAY BE DISCLOSED TO A PARENT OR
16 GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT; AND**

17 (ii) **THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN THE INFORMATION MAY BE
18 DISCLOSED.**

19 (2) **A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL SEND A
20 COPY OF THE SUMMARY REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
21 SUBSECTION TO THE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A
22 STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A LETTER OF ADMISSION.**

23 (3) **THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO
24 IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2008.