

# SENATE BILL 15

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Citizen's Tuition Protection Act**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain powers and duties of the presidents of the  
4 constituent institutions of the University System of Maryland relating to the  
5 setting of tuition; prohibiting the constituent institutions from charging an  
6 undergraduate student who is a citizen of the United States a tuition rate that  
7 is higher than the tuition rate charged an undergraduate student who is not a  
8 citizen of the United States; requiring the Board of Regents of the University  
9 System of Maryland to adopt certain policies; defining a certain term; and  
10 generally relating to tuition charged by the University System of Maryland.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 12–109(e)(7)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

16 BY adding to  
17 Article – Education  
18 Section 12–117  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Education**

24 12–109.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (e) Subject to the authority and applicable regulations and policies of the  
2 Board of Regents, each president shall:

3 (7) [Set] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 12-117 OF THIS SUBTITLE,**  
4 **SET** tuition and fees;

5 **12-117.**

6 (A) (1) **IN THIS SECTION, "TUITION" MEANS THE CHARGES APPROVED**  
7 **BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS THAT ARE REQUIRED OF ALL UNDERGRADUATE**  
8 **STUDENTS BY THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION AS A CONDITION OF**  
9 **ENROLLMENT.**

10 (2) **"TUITION" DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

11 (I) **FEEES THAT ARE REQUIRED OF ALL UNDERGRADUATE**  
12 **STUDENTS BY THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION AS A CONDITION OF**  
13 **ENROLLMENT REGARDLESS OF THE STUDENT'S DEGREE PROGRAM, FIELD OF**  
14 **STUDY, OR SELECTED COURSES;**

15 (II) **FEEES DEDICATED TO SUPPORT AUXILIARY**  
16 **ENTERPRISES AND OTHER SELF-FUNDED ACTIVITIES OF A CONSTITUENT**  
17 **INSTITUTION; OR**

18 (III) **FEEES REQUIRED ONLY FOR ENROLLMENT IN A SPECIFIC**  
19 **DEGREE PROGRAM, FIELD OF STUDY, OR COURSE WHEN THOSE FEEES ARE NOT**  
20 **REQUIRED OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AT THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION**  
21 **FOR ENROLLMENT IN OTHER DEGREE PROGRAMS, FIELDS OF STUDY, OR**  
22 **COURSES.**

23 (B) **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A**  
24 **CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION MAY NOT CHARGE AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT**  
25 **WHO IS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES A TUITION RATE THAT IS HIGHER**  
26 **THAN THE TUITION RATE THAT IS CHARGED AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT**  
27 **WHO IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.**

28 (C) **THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL ADOPT POLICIES TO IMPLEMENT**  
29 **THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 July 1, 2008.