SENATE BILL 41

F2 9lr0947 SB 591/08 – EHE (PRE-FILED) By: Senator Harrington Requested: November 7, 2008 Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2009 Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT concerning **Higher Education - Tuition Charges - Maryland High School Students** FOR the purpose of establishing that certain individuals, other than certain nonresident individuals, shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at certain public institutions of higher education under certain circumstances; requiring certain individuals to provide certain documentation regarding Maryland income tax withholding; requiring the governing board of each public institution of higher education to adopt certain policies; and generally relating to tuition charges for certain individuals attending public institutions of higher education in the State. BY adding to Article – Education Section 15-106.7 Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: **Article - Education** 15-106.7. (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, AN INDIVIDUAL, OTHER THAN A STUDENT WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 8, § 1101(A)(15) OF THE UNITED STATES CODE, SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM PAYING

THE NONRESIDENT TUITION RATE AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER

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- 1 (1) ATTENDED A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL IN 2 THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS;
- 3 (2) GRADUATED FROM A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SECONDARY
 4 SCHOOL IN THE STATE OR RECEIVED THE EQUIVALENT OF A HIGH SCHOOL
 5 DIPLOMA IN THE STATE;
- 6 (3) REGISTERS AS AN ENTERING STUDENT IN A PUBLIC 7 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE NOT EARLIER THAN THE 8 2008 FALL SEMESTER;
- 9 (4) PROVIDES TO THE PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER 10 EDUCATION DOCUMENTATION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL OR THE INDIVIDUAL'S 11 PARENT OR GUARDIAN HAS HAD MARYLAND INCOME TAX WITHHELD DURING 12 THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE INDIVIDUAL GRADUATING FROM A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE STATE;
- 14 (5) In the case of an individual who is not a permanent 15 RESIDENT, PROVIDES TO THE PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AN 16 AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WILL FILE AN APPLICATION TO 17 BECOME A PERMANENT RESIDENT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL 18 BECOMES ELIGIBLE TO DO SO; AND
- 19 (6) Makes or has made an application to attend a public 20 Institution of higher education in the State not later than 3 years 21 After graduating from a public or nonpublic secondary school in 22 The State or receiving the equivalent of a high school diploma in 23 The State.
- 24 (B) THE GOVERNING BOARD OF EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER 25 EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT APPROPRIATE POLICIES TO IMPLEMENT THE 26 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2009.