

SENATE BILL 596

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2010

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Prepaid College Trust – Student 2+2 Program – Out-of-County**
3 **Costs**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain prepaid college tuition contracts to allow the use
5 of the contract benefits to pay certain tuition rates at community colleges;
6 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland
7 Prepaid College Trust.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 18–1909(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Education
15 Section 18–1909(i)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 18–1909.

22 (a) The Board shall establish prepaid contracts under the Trust to provide
23 for the advance payment of tuition at:

24 (1) A community college;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (2) A 4-year college;
- 2 (3) A university; or
- 3 (4) Any combination of a community college, college, or university.

4 **(I) A CONTRACT THAT PROVIDES FOR THE ADVANCE PAYMENT OF**
5 **TUITION UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION SHALL ALLOW THE**
6 **PREPAID CONTRACT BENEFITS TO BE USED TO PAY THE OUT-OF-COUNTY**
7 **TUITION RATES CHARGED BY COMMUNITY COLLEGES UNDER § 16-310(B) OF**
8 **THIS ARTICLE.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
10 construed to apply retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect any
11 prepaid contract benefits received on or after July 1, 2009.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 July 1, 2010.