

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **International Education – Support**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the  
4 Maryland Independent College and University Association, and the Maryland  
5 Association of Community Colleges to support and encourage students and  
6 faculty to promote international education as a part of curricular and  
7 extracurricular life at colleges and universities in the State; and generally  
8 relating to the support of international education as a part of curricular and  
9 extracurricular life at colleges and universities in the State.

10 WHEREAS, International education is a critical component of higher education  
11 in Maryland and contributes to the economy of the State and to a diverse higher  
12 education environment, enhancing both academic and extracurricular programs; and

13 WHEREAS, International education is critical to promoting a broadened  
14 worldview and therefore preparing Marylanders for life and work in the global  
15 economy; and

16 WHEREAS, International education is critical to the creation of a diverse  
17 academic environment by exchanging scholars and students between countries and  
18 building the foundation for future business success; and

19 WHEREAS, Higher education should emphasize international education,  
20 including foreign language instruction and study abroad, in order to ensure that  
21 graduates have the cross–cultural skills necessary to function effectively in the global  
22 workforce; and

23 WHEREAS, The Maryland General Assembly recognizes the social importance  
24 of cultural awareness, the need to promote study abroad programs that serve  
25 Maryland students, and the economic significance of international students who come  
26 to Maryland for the educational opportunities provided by the State; and



1           WHEREAS, Maryland public and independent institutions of higher education,  
2 the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Maryland Independent College and  
3 University Association, and the Maryland Association of Community Colleges  
4 recognize the importance of an international curriculum and experiential learning;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Maryland public and independent institutions of higher education  
7 foster international experiences and cross-cultural competencies among students,  
8 faculty, and citizens of Maryland and facilitate communication, cooperation, and  
9 expansion of international educational activities and exchanges in the State; and

10           WHEREAS, A strategy at the State and national level is needed to ensure the  
11 United States' status as a magnet for international students and scholars; and

12           WHEREAS, The economy of the State is inextricably tied to the rest of the  
13 world, and State economic development depends on a deliberate strategic development  
14 plan that includes recognition of the role of international education in all its facets;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, Heightened cultural awareness is critical to national interests and  
17 is a critical component of foreign policy; therefore, Maryland public and independent  
18 institutions of higher education play a key role in developing foreign language and  
19 international expertise by promoting language study, study abroad, and faculty  
20 exchange programs; and

21           WHEREAS, The national security, economic interests, and competitiveness of  
22 the United States depend significantly on the country's ability to provide future  
23 leaders with the best education possible; and

24           WHEREAS, International education is an essential component of the future of  
25 the State; now, therefore, be it

26           RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the  
27 Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Maryland Independent College and  
28 University Association, and the Maryland Association of Community Colleges are  
29 urged to support and encourage students and faculty to promote international  
30 education as a part of curricular and extracurricular life at colleges and universities in  
31 the State to ensure that students and future leaders are prepared to meet the  
32 challenges of a global society; and be it further

33           RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
34 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the  
35 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the  
36 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates; Anwer Hasan, Chair  
37 of the Maryland Higher Education Commission; Rev. Brian Linnane, S.J., Chair of the  
38 Board of Trustees of the Maryland Independent College and University Association;

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1 and Donna Horgan, President of the Executive Committee of the Maryland  
2 Association of Community Colleges.