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Senate Joint Resolution 1 (Senator Jones-Rodwell, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Rules and Executive Nominations

International Education - Support

This joint resolution urges the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), the Maryland Independent College and University Association, the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary's College of Maryland to support and encourage students and faculty to promote international education as a part of curricular and extracurricular life at colleges and universities in the State to ensure that students and future leaders are prepared to meet the challenges of a global society.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Urging MHEC and public higher education institutions to support and encourage students and faculty to promote international education does not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: Urging local community colleges to support and encourage students and faculty to promote international education does not directly affect local operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: The preamble notes that international education is critical to promoting a broadened worldview and, therefore, preparing Marylanders for life and work in the global economy. International education allows the creation of a diverse academic environment by exchanging scholarship and students between countries and building the

foundation for future business success. To that end, higher education can emphasize international education, including foreign language instruction and study abroad.

The U.S. Department of Education's International and Foreign Language Education Office is responsible for encouraging and promoting the study of foreign languages and cultures of other countries at the elementary, secondary, and postsecondary levels in the United States. Cultural exchange programs at the elementary and secondary levels are a pipeline for postsecondary programs including the Fulbright-Hays programs.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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