

HOUSE BILL 1223

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tuition Stabilization Act of 2018**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the governing boards of public senior higher education
4 institutions from approving increases in tuition that are more than a certain amount
5 for certain eligible students in certain academic years; providing that certain tuition
6 restrictions apply to certain eligible students through a certain academic year, do
7 not apply to eligible students after a certain number of academic years, and do not
8 apply to eligible students who attend a certain university; defining a certain term;
9 altering and repealing certain definitions; and generally relating to tuition charges
10 at public senior higher education institutions.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Education
13 Section 15–106.5
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 15–106.5.

20 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (2) “Academic year” means the period commencing with the fall semester
22 and continuing through the immediately following summer session at a public senior higher

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 education institution.

2 **(3) “ELIGIBLE STUDENT” MEANS A STUDENT WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR**
 3 **IN-STATE TUITION STATUS AND ENROLLS AS A FIRST-TIME STUDENT IN A PUBLIC**
 4 **SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN THE ACADEMIC YEARS BEGINNING IN**
 5 **THE FALL OF 2018, 2019, 2020, OR 2021.**

6 **[(3)] (4) “Governing board” means:**

7 (i) The Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland;
 8 **[and]**

9 (ii) The Board of Regents of Morgan State University; **AND**

10 **(III) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF**
 11 **MARYLAND.**

12 **[(4) “Public senior higher education institution” has the meaning stated in**
 13 **§ 10–101(m)(1) and (2) of this article.]**

14 (5) **[(i) “Tuition” means the charges approved by the governing board of**
 15 **a public senior higher education institution that are required of all undergraduate resident**
 16 **students by the institution as a condition of enrollment regardless of the student’s degree**
 17 **program, field of study, or selected courses.**

18 (ii) “Tuition” does not include:

19 1. Fees that are required of all undergraduate resident
 20 students by the institution as a condition of enrollment regardless of the student’s degree
 21 program, field of study, or selected courses;

22 2. Fees dedicated to support auxiliary enterprises and other
 23 self-funded activities of a public senior higher education institution; or

24 3. A fee required only for enrollment in a specific degree
 25 program, field of study, or course when that fee is not required of undergraduate resident
 26 students at the public senior higher education institution for enrollment in other degree
 27 programs, fields of study, or courses.]

28 **(I) “TUITION” MEANS THE CHARGES IMPOSED BY A PUBLIC**
 29 **SENIOR HIGHER INSTITUTION FOR ENROLLMENT AT THE INSTITUTION.**

30 **(II) “TUITION” INCLUDES CHARGES FOR REGISTRATION AND**
 31 **ALL FEES FOR CREDIT-BEARING COURSES REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF**
 32 **ENROLLMENT.**

1 (b) **(1)** [Notwithstanding] **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
2 **SUBSECTION AND NOTWITHSTANDING** any other provision of law, [for the academic
3 years beginning in the fall of 2006 and 2007 only,] a governing board may not approve, and
4 a public senior higher education institution may not impose, an increase in the tuition
5 charged for an academic year [to a resident undergraduate student at the institution] **TO**
6 **AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT THAT IS MORE THAN 2%** over the amount charged for tuition at
7 the institution in the preceding academic year.

8 **(2) THE TUITION RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF**
9 **THIS SUBSECTION:**

10 **(I) APPLY THROUGH THE ELIGIBLE STUDENT'S FOURTH**
11 **ACADEMIC YEAR;**

12 **(II) DO NOT APPLY AFTER AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT'S FOURTH**
13 **ACADEMIC YEAR; AND**

14 **(III) DO NOT APPLY TO AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT WHO ATTENDS**
15 **THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
17 1, 2018.