Chapter 593

(Senate Bill 1022)

AN ACT concerning

Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland – Tuition Exemption Waiver – Student Members

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to grant a certain tuition exemption waiver for a certain individual serving in the second year of an appointment as a student member on the Board; prohibiting the tuition exemption waiver from being considered a gift or compensation under certain State laws; prohibiting a student member receiving the tuition exemption waiver from being classified as an employee of the University System of Maryland; and generally relating to the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education
Section 12–102(c)(1) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 12–102(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

12–102.

(c) The Board of Regents consists of 21 members as follows:

(1) (i) Except as provided in item (ii) of this item, two members shall be full–time students in good academic standing at an institution under the jurisdiction of the Board; and

(ii) A student member who is in good academic standing at the University of Maryland Global Campus shall be exempt from the full–time student requirement in item (i) of this item;
(f) (1) Except for the student members, each appointed member serves for a term of 5 years from July 1 of the year of appointment and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. These members may be reappointed.

(2) The student members shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, from July 1, and may be reappointed if the student remains a student at any campus of the University System of Maryland.

(3) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves only for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(h) (1) Each member of the Board:

[(1)] (I) Serves without compensation; and

[(2)] (II) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations.

(2) (I) THE BOARD MAY GRANT A TUITION EXEMPTION WAIVER TO A STUDENT MEMBER NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF THE TUITION OBLIGATION INCURRED BY THE STUDENT MEMBER DURING THE SECOND YEAR OF A 2–YEAR TERM.

(II) A TUITION EXEMPTION WAIVER PROVIDED TO A STUDENT MEMBER UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY NOT:

1. BE CONSIDERED A GIFT OR COMPENSATION UNDER TITLE 5 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE;

2. BE CONSIDERED COMPENSATION UNDER:
   A. PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; OR
   B. § 12–101(A)(3) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE; OR

3. CAUSE THE STUDENT MEMBER TO BE CLASSIFIED AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.