

# HOUSE BILL 1067

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By: **Delegate Feldmark**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community College Tuition and Residency Waivers – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to include in  
4 the annual State budget for the Maryland Higher Education Commission a General  
5 Fund appropriation of a certain amount to fund certain community college tuition  
6 and residency waivers; requiring the Commission to distribute the appropriation to  
7 each community college board of trustees based on the number of qualifying students  
8 enrolled in each community college in proportion to the total number of qualifying  
9 students, as determined by the Commission; requiring the Commission to adopt  
10 certain regulations or guidelines; defining a certain term; and generally relating to  
11 community college funding for State–mandated tuition and residency waivers.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Education

14 Section 16–322

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 **16–322.**

21 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “QUALIFYING STUDENT” MEANS A COMMUNITY  
22 COLLEGE STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A TUITION OR RESIDENCY WAIVER AS ONE OF  
23 THE FOLLOWING:

24 (1) A FOSTER CARE RECIPIENT OR AN UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 YOUTH UNDER § 15-106.1 OF THIS ARTICLE;

2 (2) A UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER, THE  
3 SPOUSE OR CHILD OF AN ARMED FORCES ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER, A UNITED STATES  
4 ARMED FORCES VETERAN WHO HAS BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED, OR A MEMBER  
5 OF THE NATIONAL GUARD UNDER § 15-106.4 OF THIS ARTICLE;

6 (3) THE SON OR DAUGHTER OF A STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY  
7 EMPLOYEE UNDER § 15-106.7 OF THIS ARTICLE;

8 (4) A SENIOR CITIZEN UNDER § 16-106(B) OF THIS TITLE;

9 (5) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY UNDER § 16-106(C) OF THIS  
10 TITLE;

11 (6) A STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN EDUCATION PROGRAM LEADING TO  
12 LICENSURE IN NURSING UNDER § 16-310(A)(4) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

13 (7) A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER UNDER § 16-310(A)(6) OF THIS  
14 SUBTITLE; OR

15 (8) A STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM THAT  
16 THE COMMISSION DESIGNATES AS A HEALTH MANPOWER SHORTAGE PROGRAM  
17 UNDER § 16-310(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

18 (B) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE  
19 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL FOR THE COMMISSION  
20 AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000,000 TO FUND STATE-MANDATED TUITION AND  
21 RESIDENCY WAIVERS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

22 (C) THE COMMISSION SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE APPROPRIATION REQUIRED  
23 UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION TO EACH BOARD OF TRUSTEES BASED ON  
24 THE NUMBER OF ENROLLED QUALIFYING STUDENTS AT EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
25 IN PROPORTION TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ENROLLED QUALIFYING STUDENTS, AS  
26 DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

27 (D) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT ANY REGULATIONS OR GUIDELINES  
28 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
30 1, 2021.