

HOUSE BILL 1210

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Institutions of Higher Education – Student Health Insurance Plan**
3 **Enrollment**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing public institutions of higher education to offer certain
5 students access to a certain health insurance plan; specifying that enrollment of
6 certain students in a certain health insurance plan is voluntary; prohibiting
7 automatic enrollment in a certain health insurance plan for certain students; and
8 generally relating to public institutions of higher education and enrollment in
9 student health insurance plans.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Education
12 Section 15–136
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **15–136.**

19 **(A) A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY OFFER FULL–TIME**
20 **STUDENTS AND PART–TIME STUDENTS ACCESS TO A STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE**
21 **PLAN.**

22 **(B) (1) IF A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OFFERS**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 STUDENTS ACCESS TO A STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN, FULL-TIME STUDENTS
2 AND PART-TIME STUDENTS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN THE HEALTH
3 INSURANCE PLAN ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

4 (2) A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY NOT
5 AUTOMATICALLY ENROLL FULL-TIME STUDENTS OR PART-TIME STUDENTS IN THE
6 PUBLIC INSTITUTION'S STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2023.