

HOUSE BILL 527

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By: **Delegate Solomon**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Legacy Admissions**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain institutions of higher education from considering a
4 legacy preference as an eligible criterion for admissions standards at the institution;
5 and generally relating to admissions standards and institutions of higher education.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Education
8 Section 10–101(a) and (h)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Education
13 Section 26–901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Consideration of Legacy
14 Preference in the Admissions Process”
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 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 10–101.

21 (a) In this division the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (h) (1) “Institution of higher education” means an institution of postsecondary
23 education that generally limits enrollment to graduates of secondary schools, and awards
24 degrees at either the associate, baccalaureate, or graduate level.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) "Institution of higher education" includes public, private nonprofit, and
2 for-profit institutions of higher education.

3 **SUBTITLE 9. CONSIDERATION OF LEGACY PREFERENCE IN THE ADMISSIONS**
4 **PROCESS.**

5 **26-901.**

6 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "LEGACY PREFERENCE" MEANS A PREFERENCE
7 GIVEN TO AN APPLICANT TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION BY THE
8 INSTITUTION BASED ON THE APPLICANT'S FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP TO AN ALUM OF
9 THE INSTITUTION.

10 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN
11 THE STATE THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDS.

12 (C) (1) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY NOT CONSIDER A
13 LEGACY PREFERENCE AS AN ELIGIBLE CRITERION FOR ADMISSION STANDARDS TO
14 THE INSTITUTION.

15 (2) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY ASK APPLICANTS
16 TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS TO ALUMS OF THE
17 INSTITUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING DATA.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2024.