

HOUSE BILL 657

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By: **Delegates Healey, Henson, Holmes, Kaufman, Martinez, McCaskill, McComas, Ruff, Schmidt, Toles, Turner, and Williams**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Institutions of Higher Education – Pregnant and Parenting Students –**
3 **Policy**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each public institution of higher education to adopt a certain
5 policy related to pregnant and parenting students; requiring each public institution
6 of higher education to post the policy on the institution’s website; and generally
7 relating to pregnant and parenting students at public institutions of higher
8 education.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education
11 Section 15–138
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 **15–138.**

18 **(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT ALL STUDENTS AT AN**
19 **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR**
20 **GENDER, SHALL ENJOY FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING**
21 **PREGNANCY DISCRIMINATION AS DESCRIBED IN TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION**
22 **AMENDMENTS OF 1972.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) (1) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT**
2 **A POLICY RELATED TO PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS THAT IS CONSISTENT**
3 **WITH TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972.**

4 **(2) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL POST**
5 **THE POLICY ADOPTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ON THE**
6 **INSTITUTION'S WEBSITE.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2024.