

# HOUSE BILL 840

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Senior Higher Education Institutions – Pregnant and Parenting**  
3 **Students – Plan Requirements**  
4 **(Pregnant and Parenting Student Support Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring certain public senior higher education institutions to adopt a  
6 plan regarding pregnant and parenting students using certain guidelines; requiring  
7 each public senior higher education institution to post the plan on the institution's  
8 website; and generally relating to pregnant and parenting students and certain  
9 public senior higher education institutions.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 15–140  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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 **15–140.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
2 INDICATED.

3 (2) "PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT  
4 ENROLLED AT A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION WHO:

5 (I) IS PREGNANT; OR

6 (II) EXERCISES CARE, CUSTODY, OR CONTROL OVER A CHILD.

7 (3) (I) "PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION"  
8 MEANS:

9 1. THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE  
10 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND;

11 2. MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

12 3. ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND.

13 (II) "PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION" DOES  
14 NOT INCLUDE:

15 1. THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CENTER FOR  
16 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES;

17 2. THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS;

18 OR

19 3. THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE.

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

25 (C) (1) EACH PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION SHALL  
26 ADOPT A PLAN REGARDING PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS THAT IS  
27 CONSISTENT WITH TITLE IX OF THE FEDERAL HIGHER EDUCATION ACT.

28 (2) THE PLAN REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
29 SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

1 (I) REFERRAL TO ON-CAMPUS OR OFF-CAMPUS SERVICES TO  
2 ASSIST REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF OR ELIGIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT  
3 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING:

4 1. THE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION  
5 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN;

6 2. THE CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM;

7 3. THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

8 4. THE MARYLAND CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE  
9 PROGRAM; AND

10 5. ANY OTHER PROGRAMS, SCHOLARSHIPS, OR  
11 SUBSIDIES FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS;

12 (II) THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION ABOUT OR REFERRALS  
13 TO RESOURCES REGARDING ADOPTION SERVICES;

14 (III) THE AVAILABILITY OF INSTITUTIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS  
15 FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS, ~~INCLUDING PRIORITY CLASS~~  
16 ~~REGISTRATION AND FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING OPTIONS;~~ AND

17 (IV) A REFERRAL NETWORK OF ON-CAMPUS AND OFF-CAMPUS  
18 HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROVIDERS.

19 (D) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2026, EACH PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER  
20 EDUCATION INSTITUTION SHALL POST THE PLAN ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)  
21 OF THIS SECTION ON THE INSTITUTION’S WEBSITE.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
23 1, 2025.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.