

# HOUSE BILL 538

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By: **Delegate Wolek**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Institutions of Higher Education – Mandatory Disclosures for New and**  
3 **Prospective Students**  
4 **(Informed Enrollment Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring institutions of higher education in the State to provide certain  
6 information to new and prospective students and display and share the information  
7 in a certain manner; and generally relating to the provision of information to new  
8 and prospective students at institutions of higher education.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article – Education  
11 Section 15–141  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 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 **15–141.**

18 **(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ON OR BEFORE JULY 1,**  
19 **2027, EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT ADMITS**  
20 **FIRST-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS SHALL PROMINENTLY DISPLAY ON ITS**  
21 **PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT WEBSITE A LINK TO THE U.S.**  
22 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COLLEGE SCORECARD WEBSITE.**

23 **(B) EACH INSTITUTION SHALL:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**(1) INCLUDE WITH THE LINK REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AN EXPLANATION OF THE RESOURCE AND THE INFORMATION IT PROVIDES AS IT RELATES TO:**

**(I) COST OF ATTENDANCE;**

**(II) GRADUATION RATES;**

**(III) SALARY OUTCOMES; AND**

**(IV) DEBT OUTCOMES; AND**

**(2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, SHARE THE INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND THE INFORMATION ON THE INSTITUTION'S WEBSITES:**

**(I) DURING INCOMING STUDENT ORIENTATION AND RECRUITMENT EVENTS;**

**(II) IN RELATED RECRUITMENT MATERIALS; AND**

**(III) REGULARLY WITH:**

**1. PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND THEIR GUARDIANS OR PARENTS;**

**2. NEW INCOMING STUDENTS;**

**3. CURRENT STUDENTS;**

**4. ACADEMIC ADVISORS; AND**

**5. CAMPUS CAREER COUNSELORS.**

**(C) AS APPLICABLE, EACH INSTITUTION SHALL SHARE THE LINK AND EXPLANATIONS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SECTION ON:**

**(1) THE INSTITUTION'S SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS AT LEAST ONCE EACH SEMESTER; AND**

**(2) THE WEBSITE FOR THE INSTITUTION'S CAMPUS CAREER CENTER.**

**(D) (1) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE INTERPRETED TO:**

1                   **(I)     REQUIRE AN INSTITUTION TO DISCARD OR REPRINT ANY**  
2 **EXISTING RELATED INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS; OR**

3                   **(II)    PROHIBIT AN INSTITUTION FROM USING EXISTING**  
4 **RELATED INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS.**

5                   **(2)     ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2027, ANY NEW RELATED INFORMATIONAL**  
6 **MATERIALS SHALL BE DESIGNED, PRINTED, AND SHARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
7 **THIS SECTION.**

8           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

9           (a)     Section 1 of this Act is contingent on the publication and administration of the  
10 College Scorecard resource by the U.S. Department of Education or another federal agency.

11           (b)     If the Secretary of Higher Education determines that the College Scorecard  
12 resource has been terminated or discontinued by the U.S. Department of Education or  
13 another federal agency, the Secretary shall notify the Department of Legislative Services  
14 within 10 days of the date of that determination.

15           (c)     If the Department of Legislative Services receives notice that the Secretary of  
16 Higher Education has determined that the College Scorecard resource has been terminated  
17 or discontinued, Section 1 of this Act, with no further action required by the General  
18 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

19           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2026.