

HOUSE BILL 538

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By: **Delegate Wolek**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

5 FOR the purpose of requiring 4-year institutions of higher education in the State to provide
6 certain information to new and prospective students and display and share the
7 information in a certain manner; and generally relating to the provision of
8 information to new and prospective students at 4-year institutions of higher
9 education.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Education
12 Section 15–141
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 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 **15–141.**

19 **(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ON OR BEFORE JULY 1,**
20 **2027, EACH 4-YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT**

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 ADMITS FIRST-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS SHALL PROMINENTLY DISPLAY
2 ON ITS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT WEBSITE A LINK TO THE U.S.
3 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COLLEGE SCORECARD WEBSITE.

4 (B) EACH 4-YEAR INSTITUTION SHALL:

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

8 (I) COST OF ATTENDANCE;

9 (II) GRADUATION RATES;

10 (III) SALARY OUTCOMES; AND

11 (IV) DEBT OUTCOMES; AND

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

15 (I) DURING INCOMING STUDENT ORIENTATION AND
16 RECRUITMENT EVENTS;

17 (II) IN RELATED RECRUITMENT MATERIALS; AND

18 (III) REGULARLY WITH:

19 1. PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND THEIR GUARDIANS OR
20 PARENTS;

21 2. NEW INCOMING STUDENTS;

22 3. CURRENT STUDENTS;

23 4. ACADEMIC ADVISORS; AND

24 5. CAMPUS CAREER COUNSELORS.

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

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

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

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

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

7 **(II) PROHIBIT AN INSTITUTION FROM USING EXISTING**
8 **RELATED INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS.**

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

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2026.