

**HB912**  
**Institutions of Higher Education-Instructor Training-Accommodations for Students with**  
**Disabilities**  
**Appropriations Committee**  
**Support**

District 12A  
Dorothy Plantz  
Community Advocate  
10128 Spring Pools Lane, Columbia, MD 21044  
[Dorothy.greenthumb@gmail.com](mailto:Dorothy.greenthumb@gmail.com)  
410 262-8458

Dear Honorable Chair Ben Barnes and Vice-Chair Mark Chang and committee members:

Please vote in favor of HB912 which would require that certain institutions of higher education implement a model training program which would be developed by the Maryland Higher Education Commission detailing institutional obligations toward students with disabilities.

In my experience as an administrator in higher education, instructor understanding of institutional obligations towards students with disabilities is very uneven. Most training is internal to the institution, and it is my understanding not required at all institutions. This bill would reduce these issues and support students and instructors with developing appropriate accommodations while maintaining the integrity of the instruction as well as meet the standards of federal and state laws.

**Please vote in favor of HB912.**

Best,

Dorothy Plantz