

HOUSE BILL 872

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By: **Delegates Henson, Ruth, Terrasa, Valderrama, and Valentino-Smith**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University System of Maryland – Student Withdrawal – Reimbursement of**
3 **Tuition and Fees**
4 **(The Cameron Carden Act of 2022)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring constituent institutions and centers of the University System
6 of Maryland to authorize students to withdraw under certain circumstances and to
7 reimburse the student for tuition and fees paid for a certain semester under certain
8 circumstances; and generally relating to the University System of Maryland.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Education
11 Section 12–124
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 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 **12–124.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES” INCLUDES:**

19 **(1) ILLNESS;**

20 **(2) INJURY;**

21 **(3) HOSPITALIZATION; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(4) MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS.

(B) CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS AND CENTERS SHALL AUTHORIZE STUDENTS TO WITHDRAW FOR EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

(C) IF A STUDENT WITHDRAWS FOR EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OR CENTER SHALL REIMBURSE THE STUDENT ANY TUITION AND FEES PAID BY THE STUDENT FOR THE SEMESTER DURING WHICH THE STUDENT WITHDRAWS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.