

HOUSE BILL 872

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

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~University System of Maryland~~ **Public Institutions of Higher Education –**
3 **Student Withdrawal Policy – Reimbursement of 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~~ each public institution of higher education to adopt a certain policy
7 to authorize students to withdraw under certain circumstances and that includes a
8 provision to reimburse the student for tuition and fees paid for a certain semester
9 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the University System of
10 Maryland withdrawal policies at public institutions of higher education.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Education
13 Section ~~12–124~~ 15–134
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Education**

19 ~~12–124.~~ 15–134.

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

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) ILLNESS;

(2) INJURY;

(3) HOSPITALIZATION; AND

(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.~~

(B) (1) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A POLICY THAT AUTHORIZES A STUDENT TO WITHDRAW FOR EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

(2) THE POLICY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE A PROVISION TO REIMBURSE TUITION AND FEES FOR THE SEMESTER IN WHICH A STUDENT WITHDRAWS IF THE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES INHIBIT THE STUDENT'S ABILITY TO ACQUIRE AN EDUCATION AT THE PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN THE POLICY.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.