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(Delegate Bhandari, *et al.*)

Task Force to Study Admission Practices at Public Senior Higher Education
Institutions

This bill establishes the Task Force to Study Admission Practices at Public Senior Higher Education Institutions. The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) must provide staff for the task force. By December 31, 2019, the task force must report its findings and recommendations. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019, and terminates June 30, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MHEC can staff the task force and provide any expense reimbursements for task force members within existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The task force must:

- examine the admission practices of Maryland public four-year higher education institutions that relate to the admission of in-state versus out-of-state students, including the extent to which the revenues from out-of-state tuition incentivize the admission of out-of-state students over in-state students;
- for each Maryland public four-year higher education institution, compile data on the proportion of out-of-state students and the number of in-state students who

would otherwise qualify for admission but are displaced in favor of out-of-state students;

- analyze the admission policies and out-of-state and in-state population trends of comparable public university systems in other states; and
- make findings and recommendations regarding the admission practices of Maryland public four-year higher education institutions that relate to the admission of out-of-state students versus in-state students.

Members may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the standard State travel regulations, as provided in the State budget.

Current Law/Background: The University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents policy limits out-of-state undergraduate enrollment to no more than 30% of each institution's total undergraduate enrollment, excluding the University of Maryland University College and students enrolled exclusively in distance education programs. The percentage of out-of-state undergraduate students in 2017-2018 at each of the public four-year institutions of higher education is shown in **Exhibit 1**.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Maryland Higher Education Commission; Maryland Association of Community Colleges; University System of Maryland; Morgan State University; St. Mary's College of Maryland; Department of Legislative Services

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Exhibit 1
Percentage of Out-of-state Undergraduate Students
2017-2018 Academic Year

<u>Institution</u>	<u>% Out-of-state Undergraduate Students</u>
University System of Maryland Institutions	
University of Maryland, College Park Campus	26%
University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus	6%
Bowie State University	10%
Towson University	15%
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	20%
Frostburg State University	11%
Coppin State University	24%
University of Baltimore	6%
Salisbury University	15%
University of Maryland University College ¹	63%
University of Maryland Baltimore County	9%
Other Public Four-year Institutions	
Morgan State University	30%
St. Mary's College of Maryland	7%

¹University of Maryland University College specializes in providing access to higher education for Maryland's adult learners. The institution also offers special programs in other states and programs overseas for U.S. service members and their families, U.S. citizens, and international students. The out-of-state percentage includes overseas students.

Source: Maryland Higher Education Commission; Department of Legislative Services
