

# HOUSE BILL 295

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By: **Delegates Henson, Boafo, Forbes, and Terrasa**

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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 **(Cameron Carden Act of 2023)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring ~~constituent institutions and centers of the University System~~  
6 ~~of Maryland~~ each public institution of higher education to adopt a certain policy to  
7 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~~ 15–136  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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.~~ 15–136.

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

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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           (1) ILLNESS;
- 2           (2) INJURY;
- 3           (3) HOSPITALIZATION; AND
- 4           (4) MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS.

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

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

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

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

19           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.