

HOUSE BILL 762

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By: **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Higher Education Commission – Higher Education Goals – Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law establishing certain goals of the
4 State regarding postsecondary degree attainment; requiring the Maryland Higher
5 Education Commission to set certain goals for the State for certain higher education
6 policy areas; and generally relating to the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 10–205
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Education**

15 10–205.

16 [(a) It is the goal of the State that at least 55% of Maryland’s adults age 25 to 64
17 will hold at least an associate’s degree by the year 2025.

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 (b) It is the goal of the State that all degree-seeking students enrolled in a public
2 community college earn an associate's degree before leaving the community college or
3 transferring to a public senior higher education institution.]

4 [(c)] (A) Institutions of higher education should utilize educational resources to
5 provide the greatest possible benefit to the citizens of the State and to foster economic
6 development.

7 [(d)] (B) In each region of the State, institutions of higher education should
8 cooperate to ensure an effective and efficient education system.

9 [(e)] (C) In developing missions and programs, the Maryland Higher Education
10 Commission and each governing board and its constituent institutions shall consider the
11 role, mission, and function of other public senior higher education institutions, particularly
12 those institutions offering unique programs and services in the same geographical region.

13 (D) THE COMMISSION SHALL SET GOALS FOR THE STATE FOR:

14 (1) MARYLAND'S ADULTS AGE 25 TO 64 HOLDING A POSTSECONDARY
15 DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE;

16 (2) MARYLAND STUDENTS COMPLETING A POSTSECONDARY
17 CREDENTIAL OF VALUE EACH YEAR; AND

18 ~~(3) INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S GOALS FOR RESEARCH~~
19 ~~AND INNOVATION ALIGNED WITH MARYLAND'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND~~
20 ~~WORKFORCE SECTORS; AND~~

21 ~~(4)~~ (3) ANY OTHER POLICY THE COMMISSION DETERMINES IS
22 NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE
23 PROVIDE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE BENEFIT TO THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE AND
24 TO FOSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2025.