(House Bill 1971)

AN ACT concerning

Sale of Term Papers

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the sale, ~~purchase,~~ or offering for sale of certain academic papers; providing penalties; providing certain exceptions; and generally relating to academic papers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 77A - Higher Education
Section 70
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 70 of Article 77A - Higher Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 77A - Higher Education

70.

[(a) No person, firm, association or corporation shall sell or offer for sale to any person assistance in the preparation, research, or writing of a dissertation, thesis, term paper, essay, report or other written assignment for submission to an educational institution in fulfillment of the requirements for a degree, diploma, certificate or course of study.]

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ACADEMIC PAPER" MEANS ANY THEME, ESSAY, TERM PAPER, BOOK REPORT, REPORT, THESIS, DISSERTATION, OR OTHER WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT.

(B) A PERSON, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, OR CORPORATION MAY NOT SELL ANY ASSISTANCE IN THE PREPARATION, RESEARCH, OF WRITING OF AN ACADEMIC PAPER IF THE PERSON KNOWS ~~OR HAS REASON TO KNOW~~ THAT THE BUYER INTENDS TO SUBMIT THE ACADEMIC PAPER SUBSTANTIALLY UNCHANGED AS THE ORIGINAL WORK OF A PERSON OTHER THAN THE AUTHOR TO AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN FULFILLMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A DEGREE, DIPLOMA, CERTIFICATE, OR COURSE OF STUDY.

(C) A PERSON, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, OR CORPORATION MAY NOT OFFER FOR SALE ANY ASSISTANCE IN THE PREPARATION, RESEARCH, OR WRITING OF AN ACADEMIC PAPER IF THE PERSON KNOWS ~~OR HAS REASON TO KNOW~~ THAT THE BUYER INTENDS TO SUBMIT THE ACADEMIC PAPER SUBTANTIALLY UNCHANGED AS THE ORIGINAL WORK OF A PERSON OTHER THAN THE AUTHOR TO AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN FULFILLMENT OF THE