SECTION 4. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Enacted April 7, 2006.

CHAPTER 57

(Senate Bill 959)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education - Tuition Affordability Act of 2006

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, for a certain academic year, an increase in the tuition that may be charged to a resident undergraduate student at certain public senior higher education institutions in Maryland; making this Act subject to a eertain contingency; limiting, for a certain academic year, an increase in the tuition that may be charged to a resident undergraduate student at a certain public senior higher education institution; establishing a Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education; providing for the composition of the Commission; providing for the appointment of the chairman of the Commission; requiring the Commission to review certain reports and options and make certain recommendations relating to the establishment of a consistent and stable funding mechanism to ensure accessibility and affordability at certain public institutions of higher education in Maryland; requiring the Commission to review options and make certain recommendations relating to the appropriate level of funding for the State's Historically Black Institutions to ensure they are comparable and competitive with certain other public institutions of higher education; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the staffing of the Commission; providing for the termination of a certain provision of this Act; and generally relating to tuition restrictions at certain public senior higher education institutions in the State.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 15-106.5

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article - Education

15-106.5.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.