- (1) A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AT THE TIME THAT THE PURCHASER ENTERS INTO A PREPAID TUITION CONTRACT. OR
- (2) A NONRESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO IS THE CHILD OF A NONCUSTODIAL PARENT WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AT THE TIME THAT THE PARENT BECOMES A PURCHASER OF A PREPAID TUITION CONTRACT.
- (G) "TUITION" MEANS THE CHARGES IMPOSED BY A 2-YEAR OR 4-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE FOR ENROLLMENT AT THE INSTITUTION AND INCLUDES REGISTRATION AND ALL FEES REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF ENROLLMENT.

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IT IS—THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENHANCE THE ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ALL CITIZENS OF THE STATE BY ESTABLISHING A METHOD TO PROVIDE FOR THE PREPAYMENT OF TUITION AT THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE: 18–2107.

- (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION TRUST FUND.
- (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE:
- (1) A MEANS FOR PAYMENT IN ADVANCE OF ENROLLMENT AT ANY PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF THE COST OF TUITION AND, IF APPLICABLE, DORMITORY RESIDENCE, AT A RATE THAT IS LOWER THAN THE PROJECTED COST AT THE TIME OF ACTUAL ENROLLMENT; AND
- (2) A -GUARANTEE TO A STUDENT WHO ENROLLS AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT TUITION IN EXCESS OF THE TERMS OF THE PREPAID TUITION CONTRACT WILL NOT BE CHARGED.
 - (C) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:
- (1) PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM PREPAID TUITION CONTRACTS MADE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE:
- (2) BEQUESTS, ENDOWMENTS, OR FUNDS FROM ANY OTHER AVAILABLE PRIVATE SOURCE;
- (3) INTEREST AND INCOME EARNED FROM THE INVESTMENTS OF THE FUND: AND
- (4) FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL FUNDS, OR FUNDS FROM ANY OTHER AVAILABLE PUBLIC SOURCE.
- (D) MONEY REMAINING IN THE FUND AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND AND MAY NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.