BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education Section 15–106.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Education

15-106.1.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
 - (2) "Foster care recipient" means an individual who:
- (i) Was placed in [a foster care home] AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT by the Maryland Department of Human Resources; and
 - (ii) 1. Resided in [a foster care home] AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT in the State at the time the individual graduated from high school or successfully completed a general equivalency development examination (GED); or
- 2. A. Resided in [a foster care home] AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT in the State on the individual's 14th birthday; and
- B. Was adopted out of [a foster care home] AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT after the individual's 14th birthday.
- (3) "OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-501 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.
- [(3)] (4) (i) "Tuition" means the charges imposed by a public institution of higher education for enrollment at the institution.
- (ii) "Tuition" includes charges for registration and all fees required as a condition of enrollment.
- (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a foster care recipient is exempt from paying tuition at a public institution of higher education if:
- (i) The foster care recipient is enrolled at the institution on or before the date that the foster care recipient reaches the age of 21 years;