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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President  
Senate of Maryland  
H-107 State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker  
Maryland House of Delegates  
H-101 State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: MSAR #10852

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

In accordance with Education Article §15-106.1(d), the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) presents the information below on Maryland Foster Care Tuition Waiver recipients and Maryland Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Tuition Waiver recipients. The statute requires the collection of the number of enrolled students who (1) received the specified tuition exemption during the prior academic year; (2) received the specified tuition exemption at any point during their enrollment at the institution; and (3) earned a bachelor's degree, associate degree, or certificate from the institution during the prior academic year. The following data are an aggregation of submissions provided by all public postsecondary institutions in the State.

	Foster Care Waiver		
	Total Number of Recipients in FY 2017	Total Number of Recipients from FY 2014 through FY 2017	Total Number of Recipients who graduated in FY 2017
Public Community Colleges	306	407	11
Public Four-Year Institutions	141	187	17
Totals	447	594	28

	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Waiver		
	Total Number of Recipients in FY 2017	Total Number of Recipients in FY 2015 through FY 2017	Total Number of Recipients who graduated in FY 2017
Public Community Colleges	79	112	7
Public Four-Year Institutions	51	74	2
Totals	130	186	9

Student totals are not provided, as individual recipients may have received awards over multiple years.

In total 25 public postsecondary institutions (15 community colleges and 10 public four-year institutions) awarded the Foster Care waiver to students from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Similarly, 20 public institutions (12 community colleges and eight public four-year institutions) awarded the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth waiver in the reporting year.

- The majority of the recipients of the Foster Care waiver were enrolled at Maryland's community colleges. Conversely, a greater number of recipients graduated from the public four-year institutions in 2017 than public community colleges.
- A smaller number of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth waivers were awarded by the public colleges and universities as compared to the Foster Care waiver. This may be driven, in part, by the fact that this waiver is relatively new, having begun in 2015.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Dr. Jon Enriquez, Director of Research & Policy Analysis, at (410) 767-3095 or at [jon.enriquez1@maryland.gov](mailto:jon.enriquez1@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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Secretary