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

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker
Maryland House of Delegates
H-101 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: MSAR #10852

Dear President Miller and Speaker Jones:

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 Tuition Waiver		
	Total Number of Recipients in FY 2018	Total Number of Recipients from FY 2014 through FY 2018	Total Number of Recipients who graduated in FY 2018
Public Community Colleges	293	425	12
Public Four-Year Institutions	148	206	39
Totals	441	631	51

	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Tuition Waiver		
	Total Number of Recipients in FY 2018	Total Number of Recipients from FY 2015 through FY 2018	Total Number of Recipients who graduated in FY 2018
Public Community Colleges	114	128	9
Public Four-Year Institutions	84	111	10
Totals	198	239	19

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

In total 26 public postsecondary institutions (16 community colleges and 10 public four-year institutions) awarded the Foster Care waiver to students from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Similarly, 23 public institutions (13 community colleges and 10 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 2018 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 the Foster Care waiver has been in place for a shorter period of time than the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth waiver.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Dr. Barbara Schmertz, Director of Research & Policy Analysis, at (410) 767-3094 or at barbara.schmertz@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Dr. James D. Fielder
Secretary