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The Honorable Bill Ferguson 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

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones:

In accordance with Education Article §15-106.8, the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) presents the information below on nonresident tuition exemptions for qualified children of undocumented immigrants. The following data are an aggregation of submissions provided by all public postsecondary institutions in the State.

	Public Community Colleges		Public Four-Year Institutions	
Term	Total Number of Students	Total Student Savings	Total Number of Students	Total Student Savings
Summer 2019	192	\$168,343	22	\$56,343
Fall 2019	614	\$1,278,844	66	\$519,716
Winter 2019-20	44	\$28,131	9	\$19,848
Spring 2020	538	\$1,107,755	67	\$505,850
TOTALS	**	\$2,583,071	**	\$1,101,757

<sup>\*\*</sup>Annual student totals are not provided, as individual recipients may have been enrolled across multiple terms during the year. Student headcount data are aggregated at the term level to protect student privacy.

In total, students from 22 public postsecondary institutions (14 community colleges and 8 public four-year institutions) benefited from the nonresident tuition exemption authorized under the Article. Total student savings equaled \$3,684,828. The remaining seven public postsecondary institutions indicated that no students benefited from the tuition exemption.

- At the 14 Maryland community colleges at which the nonresident tuition exemption was used, the largest number of students who benefited from the nonresident tuition exemption occurred during the Fall 2019 semester, with 614 total students. Over the 2019-2020 reporting period, this exemption resulted in a total student savings of \$2,583,071
- At the eight Maryland four-year public institutions at which the nonresident tuition exemption was used, the largest number of students who benefitted from the nonresident tuition exemption occurred during the Spring 2020 semester, with 67 total students. Over the 2019-2020 reporting period, this exemption resulted in a total student savings of \$1,101,756.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Dr. Barbara Schmertz, Director of Research & Policy Analysis at <u>barbara.schmertz@maryland.gov.</u>

Sincerely,

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