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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
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**RE: *Human Trafficking Tuition
Waivers at Community Colleges
MSAR #10573***

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

This report is presented in accordance with Education Article §16-310(b)(5). This statute authorizes community colleges to create policies granting waivers of the out-of-county tuition rate for victims of human trafficking. It also requires the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to collect information from each college regarding the number of individuals who had received a waiver under such a policy, and to report the same to the General Assembly.

MHEC asked the sixteen colleges to report, first, how whether they had adopted a policy on tuition waivers as the statute authorizes them to do; and second, how many waivers, if any, had been granted in accordance with such a policy.

Two institutions reported that they had adopted such a policy, but that no student had applied for a waiver. Those institutions are Cecil College and Community College of Baltimore County.

One institution, Baltimore City Community College, reported that it had not adopted a policy because there is no out-of-region fee for Maryland residents.

Eight institutions reported that they have not adopted a policy. Those institutions include Anne Arundel Community College, Chesapeake College, College of Southern Maryland, Frederick Community College, Garrett College, Howard Community College, Prince George's Community College, and Wor-Wic Community College.

Montgomery College is the only institution that reported that it had granted any waivers of out-of-county tuition to avowed victims of human trafficking. However, Montgomery does not have a formal written policy as such. The waiver has been granted as a matter of practice rather than policy.

Several of the ten institutions without formal policies reported that they were considering the development and adoption of a formal policy. Any further adoptions will be reported in future editions of this report.

Four institutions did not submit a report: Allegany College of Maryland, Carroll Community College, Hagerstown Community College, and Harford Community College.

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.

Sincerely,



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