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

Dear President Miller and Speaker Jones:

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, 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.

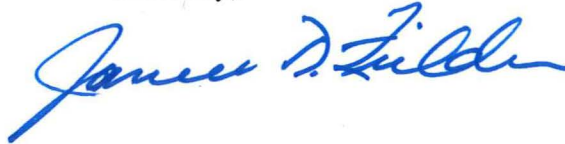
Four community colleges have adopted a formal policy to grant waivers of the out-of-county tuition rate for victims of human trafficking. Montgomery College and Hagerstown Community College reported that they had recently adopted such a policy. Last year, Cecil College and Community College of Baltimore County reported that they had adopted a policy. Baltimore City Community College previously reported that it had not adopted a policy because there is no out-of-region fee for Maryland residents. Any further adoptions of relevant policies will be reported in future editions of this report.

As was the case in last year's report, 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. To-date, six students have benefited from the tuition waiver.

Four institutions did not submit a report: Baltimore City Community College, Cecil College, Community College of Baltimore County, and Frederick Community College.

If you require any additional information, please contact Dr. Emily A. A. Dow, Assistant Secretary for Academic Affairs.

Sincerely,



Dr. James D. Fielder
Secretary