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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

Report # 12697 Report on Exemption from  
Nonresident Tuition for Qualified Children of  
Undocumented Immigrants

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.

Term	Public Community Colleges		Public Four-Year Institutions	
	Total Number of Students	Total Student Savings	Total Number of Students	Total Student Savings
Summer 2020	176	\$181,675	33	\$115,024
Fall 2020	496	\$1,089,610	81	\$657,814
Winter 2020-21	45	\$35,221	7	\$11,857
Spring 2021	452	\$925,064	79	\$638,568
<b>TOTALS</b>	**	\$2,231,571	**	\$1,423,263

\*\*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. Term figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.

In total, students from 23 public postsecondary institutions (15 community colleges and 8 public four-year institutions) benefited from the nonresident tuition exemption authorized under the Article. Total student savings equaled \$3,654,834. The remaining six public postsecondary institutions indicated that no students benefited from the tuition exemption.

- At the 15 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 2020 semester, with 496 total students. Over the 2020-2021 reporting period, this exemption resulted in a total student savings of \$2,231,571.

- 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 Fall 2020 semester, with 81 total students. Over the 2020-2021 reporting period, this exemption resulted in a total student savings of \$1,423,263.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James D. Fielder, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Dr. James D. Fielder, Jr.  
Secretary