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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Tuition Exemption - Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold**  
3 **Award Recipients**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a certain waiver of tuition and mandatory fees for  
5 certain students attending public institutions of higher education who are either  
6 Eagle Scouts or Girl Scout Gold Award recipients and meet certain residency  
7 requirements; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act;  
8 and generally relating to a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees for students  
9 who are Eagle Scouts or Girl Scout Gold Award recipients.

10 BY adding to

- 11 Article - Education
- 12 Section 15-106.5
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Education**

18 15-106.5.

19 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "TUITION" MEANS THE CHARGES IMPOSED BY A  
20 PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ENROLLMENT AT THE  
21 INSTITUTION.

22 (2) "TUITION" INCLUDES CHARGES FOR REGISTRATION AND ALL FEES  
23 REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF ENROLLMENT.

24 (B) A STUDENT IS EXEMPT FROM PAYING TUITION AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION  
25 OF HIGHER EDUCATION IF THE STUDENT:

26 (1) (I) IS AN EAGLE SCOUT; OR

1 (II) IS A RECIPIENT OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD; AND

2 (2) MEETS THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT OF THE PUBLIC  
3 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR IN-STATE TUITION STATUS.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be  
5 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have  
6 any effect on or application to any student enrolled in a public institution of higher  
7 education before the effective date of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 July 1, 2005.